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# A Message from the President

Dear Alumnae and Friends,

It is a truism to note that Sweet Briar is one of the largest and most beautiful college campuses in the nation. The beauty is more than skin deep. This campus is distinguished by a remarkable synergy between its history, its architecture so brilliantly conceived by Ralph Adams Cram, and its landscaping and grounds inspiring broad visions—visions for the eye, the intellect and the psyche. There are few other colleges, if any, that embody such a unity of body, mind and spirit, and it is this unity which comprises what we mean by the “sense of place” each alumna cherishes.

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—President Elisabeth S. Muhlenfeld,  
Inaugural Address 1997

I often stand on the second floor portico of Sweet Briar House, where each of my eight predecessors have also stood, admiring the same view of the rich plantings and foothills beyond that our founder observed more than 100 years ago. I commented on this harmony in my inaugural address in April 1997: *“As I have walked the paths of this campus. . . it strikes me that Sweet Briar is characterized by remarkable vistas. . . The people who have envisioned Sweet Briar have taken from the landscape the habit of perspective, the habit of the long view, and have adapted that habit to time, seeing in their hearts and in their mind’s eyes possibilities that would unfold over years and even decades.”*

Today my view includes a new structure being born: the \$16 million Student Commons now framed on the southeast corner of the cam-

pus. Imaginatively designed to incorporate Prothro as well as Meta Glass, Reid, and Dew residence halls, the new center will visually exemplify the College’s commitment to an educational environment that is integrated, intentional, and rooted. Upon its completion in fall 2002, the Student Commons will be Sweet Briar’s “village square,” linking an expanded Book Shop (to be relocated in

early spring 2003) with activities and offices of student organizations that will draw everyone in the community—students, faculty, staff, and the outside community—into lively interaction. Naming opportunities for several rooms, suites, and common areas in the complex are still available.

This new structure underscores the fact that today, early in its second century, Sweet Briar continues to enhance the physical environment in keeping with the vision of our founders. We have recently completed a \$5 million renovation of our historic buildings to preserve architect Cram’s legacy. Adaptive reuse of the former dairy barns as art studios is also well underway. In January of this year, I welcomed the Restoration Committee of The Garden Club of Virginia to Sweet Briar House as part of a grant application process which we hoped would lead to the Sweet Briar House gardens being accepted as a restoration project of this prestigious organization. In early February we learned that we have been invited to participate in the GCV’s gift of a conceptual plan for the grounds around the President’s home drawn by that organization’s landscape architect.

Also in process is a project particularly important to me: the careful preservation of the three slave graveyards on campus. At this point, we are in the process of clearing and temporarily marking these sites, the permanent resting places of some of the more than 100 African-Americans who as slaves labored to build Sweet Briar Plantation, and after the Civil War, worked here as free laborers. You will read more about this initiative in future issues.

The legacy of our land, buildings, and people is deeply significant because they shape the lives and contributions of the women who study here. Ralph Adams Cram designed the campus in accordance with this truth. He believed that “attractive surroundings and artistic buildings have a profound and lasting influence on the hearts and minds” of students. As the accomplishments of our alumnae and soon-to-be graduates—including 2002 Presidential Medalists Laura Reither and Tia Trout—attest, the Sweet Briar experience continues to transform those who live and study here. Their ongoing achievements exemplify Sweet Briar College as a place of vision, place, and possibility.

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# GONE TODAY, HERE TOMORROW

## A CAMPUS PLAN UPDAT

Several years ago, Sweet Briar set out to create a building plan that would carry the College well into its second century.

The main challenge was to capture the spirit of Ralph Adams Cram's original vision, while providing a thoroughly modern infrastructure to match the evolving needs of 21st century students.

Working with the Boston firm of Sasaki Associates, the community developed a student-centered facilities blueprint, reflecting new academic programs, a full co-curricular life, integrated technologies, and a pledge to preserve the College's architectural legacy.

With the enthusiastic support of alumnae and friends, Sweet Briar wasted no time translating renovation plans and architectural drawings into reality.

This issue of the Alumnae Magazine shows how the campus is benefiting academically, socially, and aesthetically from work completed to date.



Gone Today....Here Tomorrow  
Your Student Commons

# NO COMPLAINTS

## ADVANCE PLANNING KEEPS CAMPUS LIFE RUNNING SMOOTHLY DURING CONSTRUCTION

**I**magine getting out of your constitutional law class at 12:20, meeting with the director of Career Services after a quick lunch to polish and print your resume, then stopping by the post office to drop a copy in the mail before your 1:30 environmental sciences lab.

It sounds like a sensible to-do list until you consider the logistics.

Today those tasks involve trekking from Benedict, to Prothro, to Gray, to Meta Glass, to the Train Station. (Which means you should plan on skipping lunch, or put off mailing your resume until tomorrow, or show up late for class—your choice.)

Next year, once the Student Commons is up and running, you'll have time to complete the same round of errands with seconds to spare.

Of all the necessary new construction

and renovations envisioned during the College's master planning process, the student-centered Commons project quickly achieved priority status, capturing the imagination of the entire community. A high level of student involvement impressed the architects. It also sent them back to the drawing board several times.

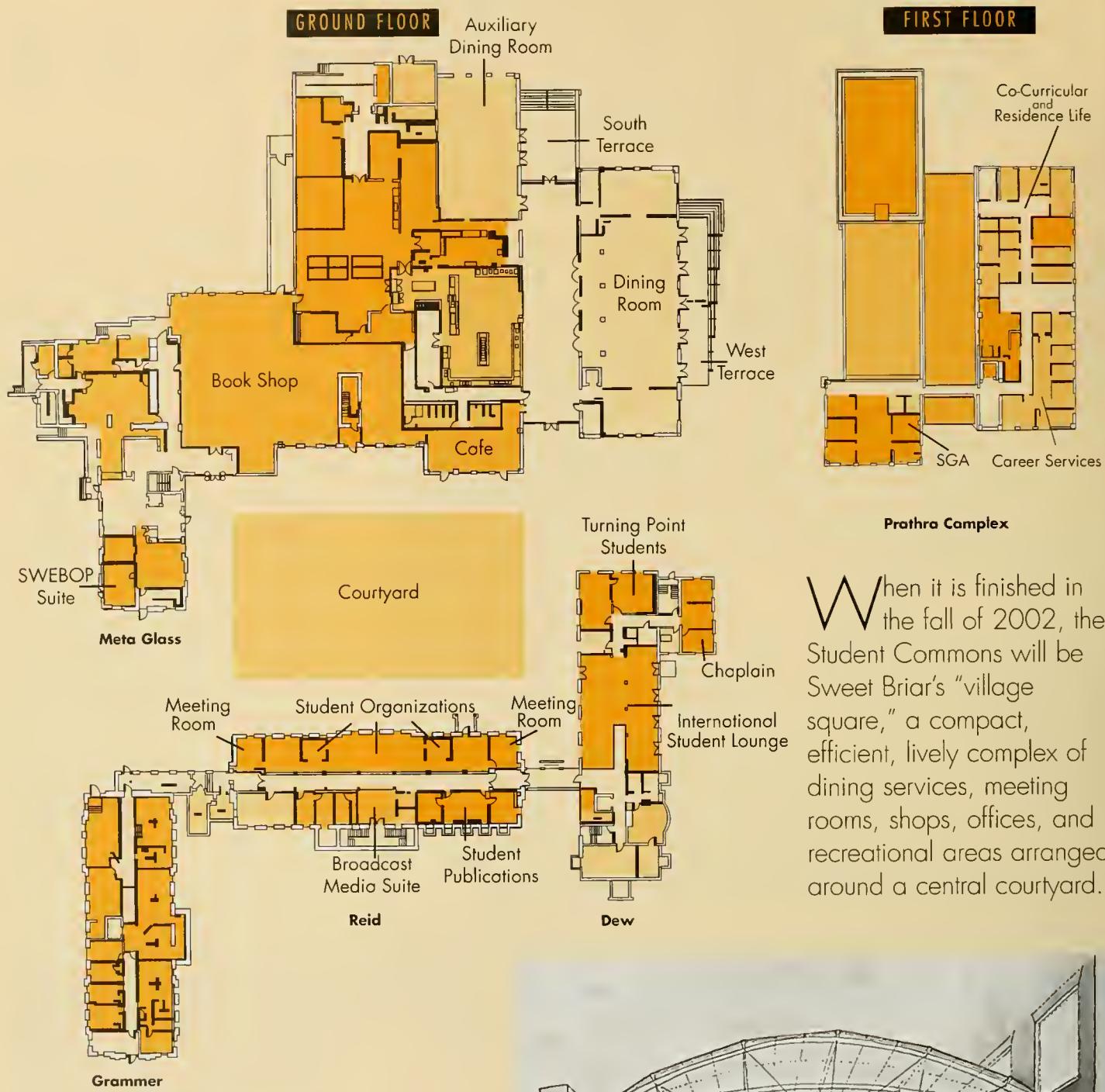
When it is finished in the fall of 2002, the Student Commons will be Sweet Briar's "village square," a compact, efficient, lively complex of dining services, meeting rooms, shops, offices, and recreational areas arranged around a central courtyard. However, between now and then, the College is faced with managing a noisy jumble of construction crews, heavy machinery, mud, steel, dust, bricks, glass, and concrete—all situated uncomfortably close to the center of campus.

"I have to admit that I was worried about the Student Commons project," says Mary Lou Merkt, vice president for finance and administration. "All that racket around the dorms. Plus the poor students were going to have to eat three meals a day in an abbreviated space. It's a lot to put up with. But they have been so mature and forgiving about the situation. We haven't had one complaint."

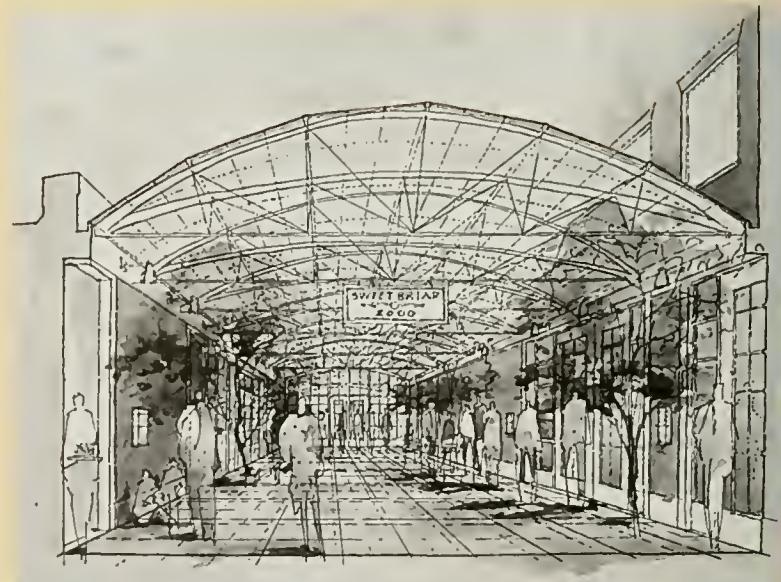
If students were unhappy, Vice President Merkt would know about it. The College maintains both a telephone hot line and website devoted to construction-related issues. And that's not all. Throughout the spring and summer of 2001, several key departments worked together to anticipate and circumvent problems. The proactive solutions they developed and implemented are helping to keep

**Mary Lou Merkt, vice president for finance and administration, and Rondy Eggenspiller, director of physical plant, keep a close watch on the construction of the Student Commons.**



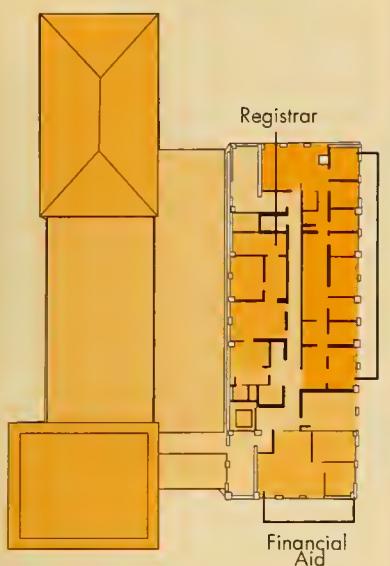


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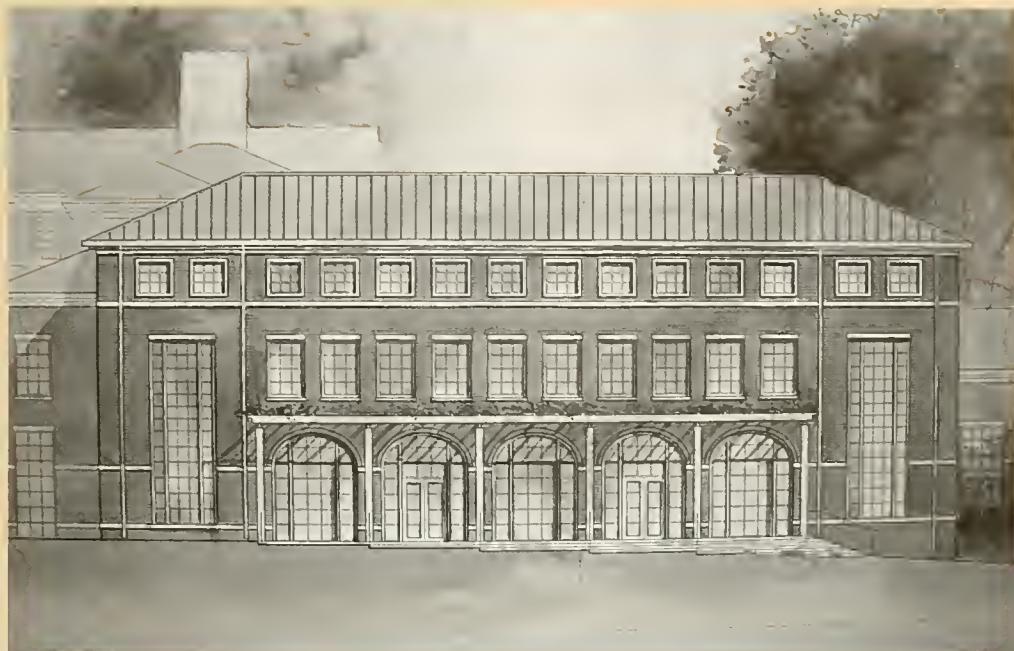


View of Nancy Hall Green Atrium

**SECOND FLOOR**



**Prothro Complex**



**View of Student Commons from Williams Gymnasium**



**Prothro Complex and Courtyard from Reid**

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—Valdrie Walker  
dean of co-curricular life

campus life on an even keel.

"Mary Lou opened a dialog at the risk of creating chaos," laughs Valdrie Walker, dean of co-curricular life. "Let's face it: It's hard to be inclusive and caring when you're dealing with a multimillion dollar building project. Most institutions will tolerate construction no matter what toll it takes on people—just suck it up. But not Sweet Briar. Here, the challenge is to maintain student comfort while meeting the ongoing demands of the project. And you know what? It works. It's possible to balance both."

The College's balancing act includes temporary measures like extending Prothro dining hours and expanding student meal options to include the Bistro. It's also easy to grab a bite to eat or catch a movie off campus this year, thanks to a shuttle service that runs to Wal-Mart and the mall every evening during the week, downtown Charlottesville twice a week, and Target and Barnes & Noble on Sundays.

Photo © David Abrams



Jeannette "Gne" Coira '05 and Sasha Levine '05 test drive the Vixen Den's newly assembled furnishings, including funky, retro ice-cream-parlor tables and chairs.

In late September, Sweet Briar opened a new student-only coffeehouse adjacent to the Bistro and Laundromat at the main traffic circle. Officially dubbed the Vixen Den during a student naming contest, the colorful, comfortably-furnished room includes a small stage for musicians, comedians, and novelty acts. Though it was built to provide a permanent "hang

out" space where students could take a study break or entertain friends, the coffeehouse is doubling as a meeting room until the Student Commons comes on line.

Other small improvements are also helping to balance the disruption. A laundry room has been added to the basement of Meta Glass. Uniform, sculptural signage and well-designed lighting continue to



### **Vixen Den, Bistro and Laundromat viewed from the traffic circle.**

spring up around campus. The third floor of Fletcher was spruced up over winter break with a fresh coat of paint and new carpeting.

But of all the transformations that have taken place this year, the reopening of Reid Pit offered the first glimmer of light at the end of the construction-phase tunnel. Renovated to accommodate large student meetings, house student media offices, and promote synergy among student clubs and organizations, the impressive space opens on what will soon become the Student Commons Courtyard, with the busy Prothro Hall and stunning Nancy Hall Green Atrium across the way.

"We have a webcam pointed at the construction site," says Vice President Merkt. "If you go to the Student Commons web page, you can click on the camera and monitor the progress. The only complaint we've received so far was about the camera. One day there was a big pile of dirt sitting in front of it, blocking the view, and students wanted it moved."

# STUDENTCOMMONS.SBC.EDU

The College's Student Commons website allows alumnae to monitor the action on campus from their homes and offices.

A live construction cam, updated every ten minutes, offers a clear overview of the site.

For those just tuning in, a Quicktime video clip taken during the demolition of Prothro Commons offers a basis for comparison.

The latest architectural drawings and floor plans are also available at the website, along with a list of the naming opportunities featured in the Summer 2001 *President's Newsletter*. The list also provides wonderful descriptions of the many dining areas, suites, shops, and terraces that will transform the Commons into a beautiful, bustling center of campus life.

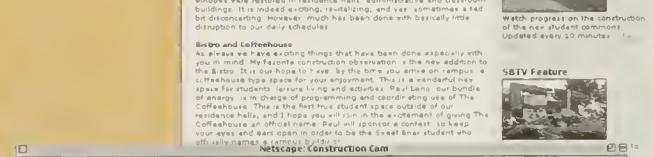
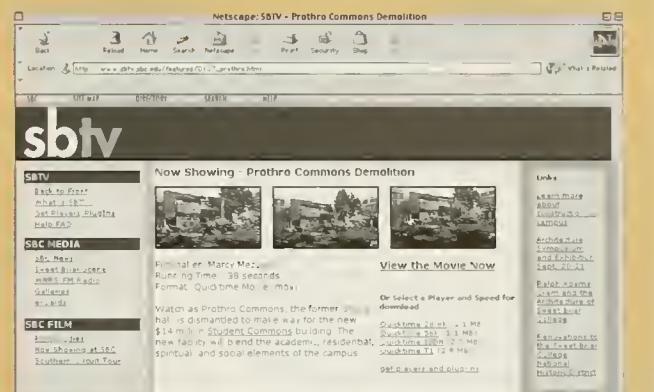


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# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

## Creative Administrators and Staff Work to Keep Spirits Up

### Construction Complaints To Little Val...

Months before bulldozers began rolling toward the center of campus, President Muhlenfeld made a simple request. She wanted the signs surrounding the Student Commons construction site to carry lighthearted, "chin-up" messages. Her suggestion set the tone, inspiring the community to approach inevitable disruptions with a sense of humor.

Two of the departments hardest hit by the demolition of Prothro Commons last spring, Dining Services and the Office of Co-Curricular Life, have been working overtime to keep spirits up.

Presented with the task of providing three meals a day in half the space, the Dining Services staff responded by expanding mealtime hours, reviewing traffic patterns, and rearranging tables to offer a high level of comfort (not to mention a gorgeous view of ongoing construction). They also created a *Palate Pleaser* newsletter, updating students on temporary changes and outlining new collaborations with the Bistro.

One of the most hilarious "pardon our dust" efforts can be seen in the hallway outside the office of Valdrie Walker, dean of Co-Curricular Life. Days before new students were set to arrive for Orientation, she discovered a surprise waiting outside her door: an oversize Barbie doll had been delivered courtesy of the mysterious

Photo © David Abrams

### Faculty Fun Club.

"After I finished laughing," says Dean Walker, "I did what I do with every free hand around here—I put her to work."

The doll, dubbed "Little Val," was immediately put in charge of taking construction-related complaints. After months of careful planning—of long hours spent reconfiguring residential personnel, routines, rooms, and facilities to accommodate the needs of both students and construction crews—the exhausted, punchy Co-Curricular staff was more than happy to let Little Val deal with any unanticipated glitches. So far so good.

"We intended to keep her on the job for a week or two," says Dean Walker. "But she's become such an icon, people protest every time we threaten to let her retire."



Valdrie Walker, dean of co-curricular life, with "Little Val"

# REPURPOSING REID PIT

The Student Organizations Suite is "exactly the way students wanted it"

The reopening of Reid Pit fall semester held a special significance for Young Alumna Trustee Leah Solivan '01. During her tenure as SGA president (2000-2001), she played a direct role in partitioning the expansive, ground-floor space to match student needs and enhance student interaction.

The newly-renovated "Pit," now called the Student Organizations Suite, houses a cluster of student media offices—newspaper, literary magazine, yearbook, radio, web, and television—while providing ample meeting and work room for nearly 40 additional student organizations.

Though students actively participated in all phases of planning for the Student Commons complex, the layout of the new Organizations Suite is exceptionally their own. The floor plan was hashed out in a special, late-night meeting initiated by students that included key representatives from the administration and faculty.

"It was a difficult situation," recalls Leah, "because the architects were really slaving over the plans, trying to get things right. But, in their effort to centralize services and offices in a single complex, they started trimming the areas available for student programming.

"We spoke up, making President Muhlenfeld, Dean Walker, and other Student Commons Committee members aware of our concerns. A week later, we were able to arrange a 9:00 p.m. meeting in Guion to go over the drawings without the architects there."

With Professor Wassell at the white board and the director of the College's physical plant on hand, the committee reviewed and redesigned the spaces in question. "It was an exciting process," says Leah. "Everyone was very open and

respectful of each other. And the plans we came up with that night are the plans that are in use today. We worked especially hard on the details for Reid Pit, so it's just incredible to see it complete—just exactly the way students wanted it."

Looking back, Leah ranks the extra hours she devoted to the College's construction projects as top-notch preparation for the "real world."

"In my current job as an IBM software engineer," Leah explains, "I work in teams all the time. My Sweet Briar experience—especially the time spent working hand-in-hand with administrators, faculty,

and students—gave me the skills I needed to work efficiently, creatively, and comfortably with other people in a corporate environment."



Leah Solivan '01



Photo © David Abrams

**The Student Organizations Suite features an enormous work and meeting room, half of which is pictured here. The recently renovated space also provides offices for several student media organizations.**

# WOMEN AT WORK

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## NEARLY TWO DOZEN BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN



Soon after the SBC community approved the College's new master plan in April 1998, work began on several fronts.

Construction of the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center required relocating the Post Office, Campus Safety, Bistro and other services to various temporary and permanent quarters around

campus. Crews of stonemasons, carpenters, and roofers descended on the historic district, scattering heavy equipment, scaffolding, and plastic tenting everywhere they went, from Fletcher to Faculty Row.

The Sweet Briar Train Station was transformed once again, this time into wet laboratories for environmental studies, while the station's previous tenant, the art studio department, was busy putting the old dairy to creative reuse. Indoors and out, steady improvements to the Harriet Howell Rogers Riding Center are ensuring its status as a premier facility. Reid Residence Hall has air-conditioning and Dew is next in line.

Alumnae returning for the College's April 2001 Centennial Celebration were greeted by a brick, copper-domed Gatehouse reminiscent of the Bell Tower. New signage directed them around a

refurbished campus, complete with a recreation of the Library's original reflecting pool. Even the Cupola bells were cleaned and polished in time for the occasion.

The campus never looked better. But what alumnae glimpsed that weekend was just the beginning of a twenty-year plan. When the festivities ended, work resumed, kicking off with the demolition of Prothro Commons to make way for the new Student Commons or "village square."

So far, almost two dozen campus buildings have been renovated or constructed in the course of this rolling process, revamping facilities to match the College's strategic academic and co-curricular goals.

INTER • BENEDICT • BISTRO • CARSON • DAIRY/ART STUDIO  
ER • FLORENCE ELSTON INN & CONFERENCE CENTER •  
• GRAY • MANSON • MARY HARLEY STUDENT HEALTH  
OCHRAN LIBRARY • POST OFFICE • RANDOLPH • REID •  
AR HOUSE • THE CUPOLA (BELL TOWER) • TRAIN  
STUDIES • VIXEN DEN COFFEEHOUSE

## RENOVATED OR CONSTRUCTED SO FAR



# THE HISTORIC DISTRICT

## FOR THE STEWARDS OF CRAM'S LEGACY, THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS

Ralph Adams Cram's original plan for the Mary Helen Cochran Library included a formally-landscaped plaza complete with a reflecting pool to complement the building's ornate facade.

Of all the work accomplished in the historic district during the past three years, the recreation of Cram's library forecourt is certainly the most dramatic. However, as historical architect Douglas Harnsberger is quick to point out, "The character of Cram's work is not just communicated in the big picture. It's also found in the details."

The details Harnsberger is talking about appear in dozens of forms, some involving Cram's choice of indigenous materials.

"One of Cram's signature qualities as an architect," says Harnsberger, "was the use of products derived from the region. Bricks were hand-made on Sweet Briar's campus. The limestone used in the mortar was quarried locally. Slate for the roofs came from Buckingham County. That's the definition of organic architecture. It is truly of this place."

Part of preserving Cram's legacy has involved finding leading-edge, historic craftsmen like Jimmy Price, who formulated the properly-colored, lime-based mortar used in repointing brick throughout the district.

Many of the other details Harnsberger has been contending with consist of "small gestures" or the "character-defining" features in Cram's work.

The hardware on the doors, the beveled glass intentionally detailed to repli-

cate original wood panels, the large sconces on the exterior of Pannell—all of these items were carefully selected to sympathize with Cram's Georgian Revival style, while also meeting the College's requirements for safety and affordability.

Funded through a combination of historic tax credits and savings from efficiencies in plant operations, the cumulative effect of large- and small-scale improvements to the historic district is dazzling.

"In the main, I think it's safe to say that the 'skins' of these buildings have a new 100-year life," says Harnsberger. "The most exciting thing for me has been working with first-class firms in roofing, masonry, and woodworking. It's been an ideal collaboration, something unprecedented in my 25 years in business. The quality of Cram's work inspires people to do their best."



**Benedict's top-to-bottom exterior renovation includes cleaning the granite stairs and lighting the walkway with appropriate, ornamental pale fixtures. The restored fan window above the front door was discovered in the basement of Faculty Row Residence 9.**



*"Before" photos by  
Doug Harnsberger and Associates*

*"After" photos by  
Nancy Blackwell Marion '74*

**The entrance to Pannell clearly illustrates how "small gestures" are working to restore the character of Cram's Georgian Revival architecture. (Who knew that there were windows behind those boxwoods?)**

# THE DETAILS



Throughout the historic district, replacement elements like these limestone balusters were carefully custom-crafted to match the originals.



The Library's newly-restored reflecting pool provides a natural place for students to gather. Renovations also entailed relocating the large satellite dishes that once overshadowed the building's elegant roofline.



The historic residences on Faculty Row were among the first buildings to undergo comprehensive exterior renovations.



Unsightly safety lights and electrical conduit have been removed and replaced with less obtrusive fixtures.



On buildings throughout the campus, inappropriate storefront doors have been replaced with recreations based on Cram's originals.





ragments of Fletcher's original rooftop balustrade were discovered in one of the College's dairy barns. Surviving pieces served as important guides in the effort to restore the building's classical silhouette.



Every effort was made to preserve and restore the superior quality of Sweet Briar's Flemish bond brickwork.

# D R E A M S R E A L I T Y

Professor Laing's Centennial Exhibition Offers a Revealing Window into the College's History

Professor Aileen "Ninie" Laing '57 retired from the art history department in May 2001, only to return the following fall semester to co-host the Centennial exhibition and symposium "Sweet Briar College and Ralph Adams Cram: Dreams and Reality."

The event, which Professor Laing aptly calls "a labor of love," took six years of research and planning, engaging a broad range of community support along the way. From Buildings and Grounds, to the library, to the President's Office—dozens of faculty, staff, alumnae, and students participated in the project.

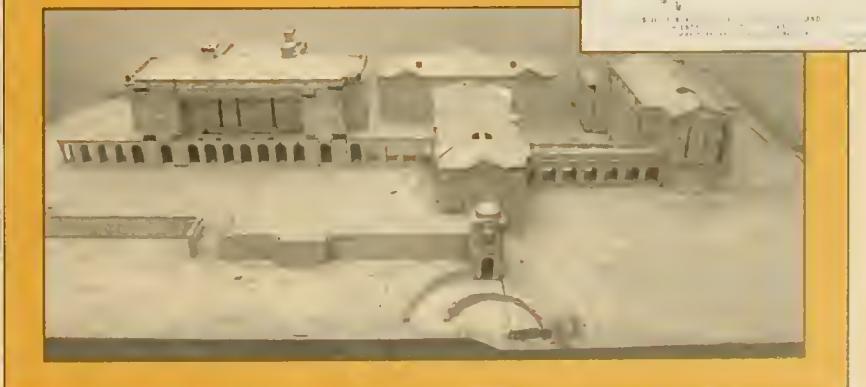
The exhibition, curated by Professor Laing and co-hosted with Rebecca Massie Lane, director of College Galleries, featured early site plans submitted by Cram, Goodhue and Ferguson; a treasured architectural model

(circa 1902); and artistic renderings reserved for formal presentations, along with functional blueprints used in actual construction.

While it was fascinating to see plans for Sweet Briar's existing buildings unfold, Cram's "unbuilt" campus—including proposals for the Chapel, Fine Arts Building, and East Entrance—proved to be even more intriguing.

For alumnae who could not attend Professor Laing's exhibition and gallery talk, copies of the catalogue are still available through the Sweet Briar Book Shop. The generous illustrations and insightful essays in *Sweet Briar College and Ralph Adams Cram: Dreams and Reality* offer a revealing window into the College's history.

The catalogue is more than Professor Laing's parting gift to Sweet Briar, it is a challenge to all alumnae and friends of the College to continue building on her caring, painstaking research.



# BARN AGAIN

THE SBC DAIRY IS BARN AGAIN  
AS THE COLLEGE PUTS ITS HISTORIC STRUCTURES TO CREATIVE REUSE



Professor Monk and Gwen McKinney '03 at work in the Art Farm's outdoor sculpture area.

**T**he National Trust for Historic Preservation sponsors a program called BARN AGAIN! for farmers and ranchers who resolve to rehabilitate their historic buildings for continued farm use.

Though the College's Art Farm Project does not officially qualify as BARN AGAIN!, Joe Monk, associate professor of studio art, has been unquestionably uplifted by a similar spirit.

For years, Professor Monk taught his ceramics, sculpture, and 3-D design classes in the Sweet Briar Train Station, using the nearby Caboose as his office. The arrangement looked inviting from the

outside. But inside, a lack of space cramped students both physically and creatively.

"In those days," recalls Professor Monk, "the number one question was not 'What do you think of my work?' but 'Where can I find a safe place to put this?'"

In fall 2000, the College renovated the milking parlor and adjacent facilities to serve as a ceramics and sculpture studio. The new space—three times the size of the previous studio—houses five throwing wheels with more on the way; three kilns; a damp room; a loading dock; rooms for woodworking, sculpture, and glazing; and



# THINKING BIG

Student ideas are expanding to fill new studio art spaces



For Professor Monk, one of the most satisfying outcomes of his move to the Dairy has been giving students the go-ahead to tackle large, messy, long-term projects.

This year, two students are working on substantial pieces, projects that would have presented serious space and storage problems just a few years ago.

Rachel Howell '03, a studio art major interested in furniture design and restoration, is building a new table around a set of antique legs she discovered at a flea market.

"I'm a scavenger," she says, "just like Professor Monk."

Last year, Rachel transformed an old, discarded medicine cabinet into an intricately-carved art object worthy of display on a gallery wall.

Transforming her table legs to a comparable level is going to be a considerable task.

"This is by far the biggest project I've done to date and I know there's a lot to learn along the way," says

Rachel. "That's what I love about the art department at Sweet Briar. You find yourself involved in things you never thought you could do."

Trisha Olson '02, a premed major and Turning Point student, says she "never did anything artsy until she came to Sweet Briar." The closest she came to sculpting was making sand sculptures of people and horses at the beach.

Her interest in reconstructive surgery led her to consider taking a course with Professor Monk her junior year. "I surprised myself," laughs Trisha. "I wish I had known earlier, I would have taken more art classes."

Despite the demands of her major, Trisha is pursuing an independent study in studio art this year. Her goal is to create a life-size sculpture of Daisy sitting in her garden.

"It's a long way from sand on the beach!" says Trisha, "and I'm glad for the opportunity to see it through. I wanted to create something that would express my appreciation for the College and maybe inspire other students."

Trisha Olson '02 with a model for her life-size sculpture of Daisy Williams

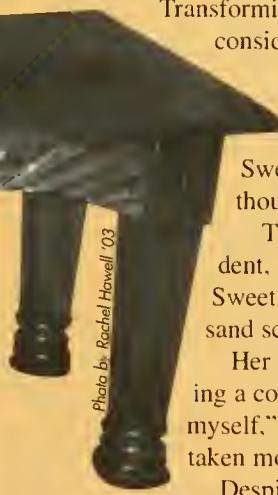


Photo by Rachel Howell '03

an outdoor sculpture area.

The conversion was relatively inexpensive and easy to achieve. And no wonder. Professor Monk had been quietly planning his move to the promised-land dairy for nine years. "Or maybe it was 15 years," he says. "Anyway, it seemed like a long time and I knew exactly how I would set things up when the moment arrived."

Walking from one bright, spacious room to another, Whitney Bryant '02 acts as a tour guide, proudly explaining the origins of the studio's fixtures and fur-

Photo © David Abrams



Rachel Howell '03, above; her table, at left



Photo © David Abrams



Photo courtesy Jon Ozinga

nishings. In the glazing area, the double doors and stainless steel sink are from the old Wailes Center Bistro. The damp room was formerly a walk-in refrigerator. The floors are the original soapstone. Some of the work benches came from the psychology department. Others are kitchen tables from the old Boxwood Inn, where Professor Monk taught his first classes in 1975.

Most of the studio art majors who took classes in the Train Station have graduated. Tracey Gail '02 is one of the few remaining who can comment on the change. "If I had to single out one improvement," says Tracey, "I'd have to say the extra room for the kilns, the wheels, and damp storage. It's less claustrophobic; you're not competing for space. You can plan a project and then work on it over a longer period of time.

"I don't know who or how many alumnae helped to make this happen. But I want them to know how grateful we are. I want to say thanks."



An enormous work table now spans the "grease pit" in the milking parlor, where Louis Mannon (front) and Jim Branhan (back) once stood milking and washing cows. Professor Monk uses the milking pit to store art supplies, freeing the shelves for student work.





Built in 1905, the College's original milking barn is next in line for art-farm renovations.



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*—Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko*

*Vice President for Development  
and College Relations*

# A CHAIN REACTION

THE COLLEGE'S NEXT PHASE OF "ART-BARN" IMPROVEMENTS

WILL GET STUDIO ART AND OTHER PROGRAMS MOVING

**S**weet Briar is getting ready to embark on a second phase of renovations to the Dairy.

Building on the success of the ceramics and sculpture studio's move to the milking parlor and processing room, the College is turning its sights on another barn directly across the way.

The new studio will provide essential, centralized space for the many art classes and facilities now scattered across the campus. Plans for the second art barn include well-equipped drawing and design rooms; a darkroom and photo lab; a wood shop; a frame shop; a small gallery; increased and better-configured spaces for student equipment and supplies; and faculty offices and studios.

On a practical, day-to-day level, it makes perfect sense to bring all of the studio arts together to promote interaction and renew an important part of Sweet Briar's architectural legacy. The Dairy offers exactly the type of work spaces visual artists covet—airy, with high ceilings and plenty of natural light.

The barns are also tough enough to take years of spatters and spills. Large, outdoor projects—works-in-progress that would create quite a mess on the central campus—can be carried out in an exciting, supportive, artists-colony-like environment.

In addition to having the look and feel of an artists' retreat, Sweet Briar's new facilities will allow the studio art department to more easily accommodate and work with Sweet Briar Fellows-in-Residence and volunteer artists from the VCCA.

Viewed from the perspective of the College's long-term academic and co-curricular goals, repurposing the Dairy not only energizes and expands the studio art program, it instantly frees space for other important initiatives.

Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko, vice president for development and college relations, calls it a "chain reaction." Giving studio art a new home with room to grow allows the dance program to move into Babcock, placing it strategically next to the auditorium stage.

And that's not all.

"Removing dance from the Daisy Williams Gymnasium," the vice president explains, "will allow the fitness center to expand into that space, beginning the transformation of the old gym into a much-needed campus recreational center.

"It's not often that you can meet the specific needs of a single project like the art farm and, at the same time, advance so many of the community's other goals in areas ranging from campus preservation, to theatre arts, to student life."



**N**ext fall marks the 25th anniversary of the College's unique and rewarding relationship with the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

In 1977, after a successful trial session, Sweet Briar entered into a lease agreement with the artists' colony, giving the VCCA a home on the College-owned Mt. San Angelo estate. Both parties acted in good faith, believing that close proximity (the estate is only a mile from the campus) would serve to strengthen and enrich their communities. Time has confirmed the accuracy of their vision.

Increasing official and informal exchanges between the two institutions make interactions among artists, faculty, and students difficult to characterize.

Each academic year, the Sweet Briar Fellows-in-Residence program provides VCCA residencies for several artists who, in turn, contribute to the College's academic program. Participating artists are contacted by and work with the College faculty to prepare lectures or workshops that complement the curriculum.

Outside of the SBC Fellows program, many VCCA artists volunteer to participate in academic life. Interested residents submit ideas for presentations which are circulated among Sweet Briar's fine arts faculty.



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**Susan Hobbs Crowder '65** resides in Charlottesville, Virginia, where the Bayly Museum at UVA recently sponsored her outdoor sculpture for an exhibition entitled *Hindsight/Fore-site*. While working on the project on a farm outside of the city, she began to think about the environmental implications of genetic engineering. It's a theme she is continuing to explore during her Forsyth Fellowship at the VCCA.

## PARTNERS IN ART

### Strong Ties Between SBC and the VCCA Include Alumnae Artists

Occasionally the VCCA finds itself lacking the material or equipment to meet an artist's request. In response to these "emergencies," Sweet Briar faculty have generously provided access to the College's art facilities, a favor which often translates into impromptu, after-hours learning experiences for students.

Beyond the classroom, it's not unusual for artists, faculty, and students to meet informally at campus lectures, recitals, or films. And even though the VCCA is first and foremost a private retreat, students and faculty are frequently invited to exhibits, recitals, and demonstrations at Mt. San Angelo.

In recent years the relationship between the College and the VCCA has been further enhanced by the Harry D. Forsyth Fellowship, a two-week residency granted to Sweet Briar alumnae pursuing careers in the visual arts. So far, two graduates, Elizabeth Sauder '84 and Jane Rabadi '95, have benefited from this wonderful gift and Susan Crowder '65 is on her way. Their experiences underscore what valuable support the Forsyth Fellowship offers to former SBC students.

For Elizabeth McAlmont Wassel Sauder '84 the opportunity to retreat to the VCCA could not have come at a better time. She packed her car full of supplies, drove over the mountain from Lexington, Virginia, and jumped right into her prep work.

"By the early summer of 1999," recalls Elizabeth, "I'd reached a frustrating plateau. I was a plein air painter, and I'd been taking my easel out and painting things in the landscape to

the point where I could do it blindfolded. I knew that, in order to move forward, I needed to see in an entirely new way. I was beginning to think that getting away for awhile might help. And—talk about perfect timing—not too long afterwards I got the call about the Fellowship.

"It was manna from heaven. My work took off in a totally different direction. I cannot say enough good things about the Forsyth Fellowship. I don't know if the College realizes it, but my two weeks at the VCCA were similar to my Sweet Briar experience. Both places offer the solitude and the time required to find your own path."

Jane Rabadi '95 flew from Denver to Dulles on September 10, 2001 and drove down to the VCCA. "Fellows are given two years to fulfill the grant," says Jane. "I picked September 10th at random, almost a year and a half after I received the award. It was very nice to be surrounded by other artists and close to the College the following morning when the towers went down."

After graduation, Jane launched her artistic career working primarily in charcoal and pastels on paper. Part of her mission at the VCCA included making a switch to acrylics. It was a sensible goal. But in the process of achieving it, something surprising occurred.

"The minute I stepped in the studio," says Jane, "any doubts or fears I had just disappeared. I was not only changing mediums, I was taking on a new direction—changing perspectives. It was a major turning point. I know these sudden leaps are always

part of a longer progression—there's never one moment that does it all—but it felt instantaneous and empowering. I want to send a big thank you to everyone who helped make it possible."

While both Elizabeth and Jane took time out to visit with Sweet Briar professors and students, Susan Hobbs Crowder '65 is planning to make those contacts a central part of her residency.

Susan is using her stay at the VCCA to develop an interdisciplinary project for colleges and universities. Specifically, she is interested in exploring ways artists, scientists, students, and others might interact to increase our understanding of important environmental issues.

In the first phase of her career, Susan sculpted in traditional materials and forms, carving marble and casting small bronzes. Then, in 1987, she was invited to create a large-scale, site-specific work at Socrates Sculpture Park in New York, using ephemeral materials from nature. "It was so much fun," says Susan, "I never looked back."

Three years ago, Susan was asked to contribute to a Neuberger Museum of Art Biennial Exhibition at SUNY Purchase. The site she selected on the campus was part of an archeological dig. Researching and consulting with archeology professors and students, she created an 18th century kitchen garden adjacent to what had been a farmhouse.

"A lot of it was artificial," explains Susan, "but it looked like a garden, including vegetables, flowers, and medicinal plants. The students got very involved. It made the farmhouse and the surrounding land come alive for them. And that's really what got me interested in doing more of these types of interdisciplinary projects."



Elizabeth McAlmont Wessel Sauer '84 closed her sign painting business in 1994 to pursue her art full-time. She is a member of the cooperative Artists in Cahoots. Some of her older works and new paintings like Redneck Rothko can be viewed at [www.artistsincahoots.com](http://www.artistsincahoots.com).



## TOUCHING QUIET

Artist Mindy Weisel illustrates how Sweet Briar inspires (and provides welcome distractions for) VCCA residents

The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts is the only artists' colony in the country with direct connections to a college or university. For 25 years, internationally-renowned writers, visual artists, choreographers, and composers have been browsing the Sweet Briar Book Shop, cooling off at the lake, and attending College lectures, films, and events.

As a result, impressions of the campus frequently pop up in the poems, paintings, and musical compositions produced by VCCA residents.

Recently, artist Mindy Weisel published her VCCA journal and paintings together in a beautiful, contemplative book titled *Touching Quiet: Reflections in Solitude* (Capital Books 2000).

In it she writes that her friend Joelle, a composer from New York, has sheet music covering the walls of her piano studio. The piece, it turns out, is called *The Sweet Briar Elegies*.

The book also references the Book Shop along with another area landmark, S' Amanda's, the eclectic food, gift, and clothing boutique owned by Sweet Briar alumna Amanda de Coligny '68:

"It's July in Virginia! I'm feeling less lonely, am finding my friends and the conversation interesting—yesterday went to Sweet Briar with Ann (bought Nabokov's *Lolita*) and met Marilyn, a writer from the University of Kentucky, at S' Amanda's, a 1960s-looking health food cafe, for lunch. She picked out a perfect cool cotton turquoise top for me. I bought ground barley to mix in a drink—keeps you healthy they say. Tastes vile!..."

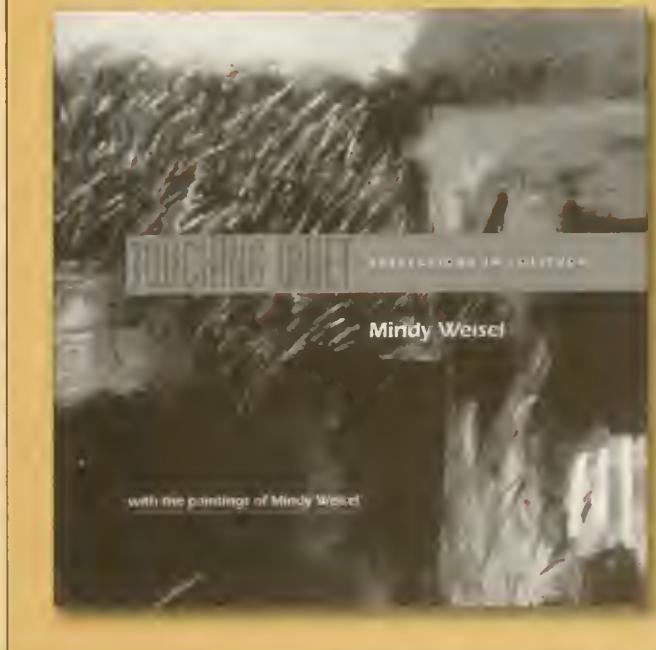


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2001 DISTINGUISHED  
ALUMNA AWARD TO  
**JOANNE  
HOLBROOK  
PATTON '52**

*Introduction of  
Joanne Holbrook Patton at  
Founders' Day Convocation,  
September 21, 2001  
By Diane Dalton '67,  
President of the Alumnae  
Association*



**Joanne Patton accepts her award**

I am very honored that one of my first official duties as President of the Alumnae Association is to present the 2001 Distinguished Alumna Award to Joanne Holbrook Patton, a graduate of Sweet Briar's Class of 1952. This award honors "alumnae who have brought distinction to themselves and to Sweet Briar College through outstanding accomplishments in a volunteer or professional capacity." Joanne has fulfilled the award's criteria in both capacities. The selection committee of alumnae and members of the faculty and administration agreed that Joanne's remarkable record of service, both as a volunteer and as a professional volunteer administrator, makes her a most worthy recipient. It is also most fitting that as we begin this symposium celebrating Sweet Briar's Center for Civic Renewal, we honor an alumna who has practiced civic renewal at the highest levels: Joanne's volunteerism is a fine example of the kind of spirit and effort that the Center for Civic Renewal is fostering.

Joanne's whole life has been one of service to others. She was a military wife from 1952 to 1980. As the wife of Major General George S. Patton and the daughter-in-law of four-star General Patton, she could have chosen a pleasant life of social privilege. But not Joanne. While raising their own family of five, she was a volunteer par excellence with the army and the Red Cross, helping military families in the areas of child development and services to the handicapped. She became the first National Volunteer Consultant, Service to the Armed Forces, for the American Red Cross and first Volunteer Consultant for Army Community

Service at Headquarters, Department of the Army. She received the United States Army's highest civilian service decorations, the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal and the Distinguished Civilian Service Decoration.

When General Patton retired from the army in 1980, the family moved to "Green Meadows," their farm in Hamilton, MA. Joanne did not rest on her laurels: she founded her own business, Patton Consultant Services, which presented workshops and directed projects for non-profit organizations all over the country. For example, one workshop, entitled "Ready, Willing, Enable," aimed to involve persons with disabilities in volunteer programs; Joanne and her co-presenter gave this workshop at local, national, and international conferences and also produced a series of TV programs on the subject.

Joanne became a leader in the development and recognition of the new profession of volunteer administration. She was actively involved with the international Association for Volunteer Administration from 1962 to 1996, and in 1987 won that organization's Distinguished Member Service Award.

It would be impossible to list the legion of volunteer commitments that Joanne has undertaken, or the honors she has won. To mention just a few more: Joanne was appointed by the state governor to the Massachusetts National and Community Service Commission; was named 1997 Business Woman of the Year by the North Shore Women in Business group; won the Order of the White Plume from the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center of the Office of the Adjutant General in 1990; has served on the Parent Advisory Committee for Massachusetts Special Olympics; has held office in the Hamilton/Wenham Business Council in Hamilton, MA and the Danvers, MA Chamber of Commerce; has served on the boards of Walnut Hill School for the Performing Arts and Norwich University in Northfield, VT, and been a member of Mount Vernon College's Alumnae Task Force on Future Directions; and with her husband, was a joint winner of the 1998 Outstanding Service Award from Norwich University North Shore Alumni. Joanne also has been a keynote speaker for countless groups, including Sweet Briar College where she gave the Founders' Day address in 1984.

Joanne retired her company in 1998 in order to devote more time to family and friends and to focus more closely on Green Meadows Farm, which the Pattons have developed into a very successful operation. Known for its high-quality produce and for its outreach programs to the community, the farm is a place where families may come to pick their own fruits, enjoy hayrides, and learn what it takes to make land both productive and beautiful.

With her marvelous ability to organize people and get things done, Joanne has improved the lives of millions. Yet on an individual level, every person who encounters her is affected by the spirit of warmth and genuine caring that radiates from her. "Just hearing your name gives me a lift," commented one alumna, and I think she speaks for us all.

Throughout her busy career and family life, Joanne has remained dedicated to Sweet Briar. The Alumnae Association Board, at its April 21, 2001 meeting, adopted in her honor a resolution which was written into the Board minutes. I'm delighted to present to Joanne a framed copy of the resolution along with the 2001 Distinguished Alumna Award.

## RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 21, 2001, acknowledges with gratitude the honor and glory that our 2001 Distinguished Alumna, Joanne Holbrook Patton of the Class of 1952, has brought to Sweet Briar College through her accomplishments in the many areas of the non-profit world. Joanne is a leader in developing the profession of volunteer administration, and in her extensive record as a volunteer. We are also most grateful for Joanne's eight years of service on Sweet Briar College's Board of Directors, from 1989 to 1997. For seven of these years she held the critical post of Chair of the Nominating Committee, and for two years, was Secretary. The board benefited greatly from her organizational and visionary talents.

Joanne has always made Sweet Briar both a volunteer and a philanthropic priority. Currently a member of the College's Centennial Commission, she has orchestrated many Sweet Briar events in the Boston area and offered the overwhelming Patton hospitality to Sweet Briar presidents, staff, and alumnae. Joanne is a strong supporter of the College's overall goals, with a particular interest in the Honors Initiative for which she has been both a generous donor and vigorous fund-raiser, working on the Honors Campaign Committee during the 1990s Campaign for Sweet Briar College. She has served as Fund Agent for her class and chaired the Reunion Gifts Committee for their 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 1992. A longtime member of The President's Circle of notable donors, she is a member of The Williams Associates, having named Sweet Briar as a beneficiary in her will.

The Board of the Alumnae Association wishes to express its deepest appreciation to Joanne for the leadership and inspiration she brings to Sweet Briar and to the world. They do so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

*Diane B. Dalton '67  
President, Sweet Briar  
Alumnae Association*

*Louise Swiecki  
Zingaro '80  
Director, Sweet Briar  
College Alumnae Association*

**Recipients of the  
Distinguished Alumna Award**

*The Distinguished Alumna Award, established in 1988, recognizes alumnae who have brought distinction to themselves and to Sweet Briar College through their outstanding accomplishments in a volunteer or professional capacity.*

1988

Dorothy Rouse-Bottom '49

Diana Muldaur Dozier '60

Karin Lawson '74

1989

Hallam Hurt '67

1990

Virginia Upchurch Collier '72

Katherine Upchurch Takvorian '72

1991

Ann Henderson Bannard '49

Sadie Gwin Allen Blackburn '45

1992

Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp '68

1993

Molly Haskell Sarris '61

1994

Anna Chao Pai '57

1995

Joan Vail Thorne '51

1996

Beryl Bergquist Farris '71

1997

Georgene M. Vairo '72

1998

Katharine Crommelin Milton '62

1999

Patricia Traugott Rouse '48

2000

Connie Burwell White '34

2001

Joanne Holbrook Patton '52

# ACCEPTANCE OF THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD

By Joanne Holbrook Patton '52

**A**t this moment in time...how could I *not* feel inadequate to receive from this distinguished institution and my sister alumnae an accolade of this magnitude. I truly have pondered the "why" I was selected and the "how" I could possibly accept it...and I have decided that it must be a tribute to Sweet Briar's gift to us all, of freedom of choice.

How else could it be that a graduate who chose marriage and a lifetime of unsalaried service over advanced degrees and the chance to drive for the gold in a "Fortune 500" culture might be considered "distinguished" by an academic institution? How could a woman who first entered the "real" business world after the age of fifty and who ends her business career running a small produce farm in New England be worthy of recognition by her college?

The answer for me came from the husband I married one week after graduation from Sweet Briar, a military professional who used to cite a quality of leadership he called "*coup d'oeil*." It was, he said, the ability in critical moments to take an action that turned out to have successful results. Afterward, many people called it "luck," he said—but he believed it to be the result of long-term preparation and continuing education, that created a base of knowledge and confidence which made a critical judgment call the right one, most of the time.

By honoring me today, my alma mater tells me that she trusts those of us who have been privileged to receive a Sweet Briar College education to make right decisions in our lives—however those decisions may seem at the time to be wrong or unpopular ones. As a clergyman on our national day of mourning last Sunday said, "Freedom of choice is not freedom from risk." Sweet Briar College has given each of us the freedom to choose the way we will travel through life, accepting the risk that we may fail or may even fail her. Her confidence in her daughters gives us the confidence to chart new paths, to make life-affecting decisions, and to accept the risk that freedom of choice carries with it. Those heroic firefighters in New York City understood that risk, Indiana Fletcher Williams understood it, the President of the United States understands it, and more than ever today, so do we.

I would have it no other way and I hope you would not. Thank you, Sweet Briar, for once upon a time giving Joanne Holbrook my freedom to choose, and today, for approving the results.

# Centennial Founders' Day Weekend 2001

## Combined Alumnae Council, Founders' Day, and Two Symposia



Founders' Day Presidential Party assembles. L-r: Dean Stahl; Chaplain Brewer; Alumnae Association President Diane Dalton '67; Distinguished Alumna Joanne Holbrook Patton '52; President Muhlenfeld; Professor of Government Barbara Perry; Helen Murchison Lane '46; Edward Lane

festivities began with the Ralph Adams Cram Architectural Symposium.

"Sweet Briar College and Ralph Adams Cram: Dreams and Reality," celebrating SBC history and heritage through an exhibition/symposium organized by just-retired Art History Professor Aileen Laing '57 and Rebecca Massie Lane, director of College Galleries and Arts Management.

Babcock was packed for Founders' Day Convocation.

Highlights: the official naming of the Murchison-Lane Auditorium in grateful appreciation of the contributions of Helen Murchison Lane '46 and her husband Edward Lane; the kick-off address for the Center for Civic Renewal Symposium, "271\*: From Recounts to Renewal After 'The Perfect Storm,'" by Dr. Larry Sabato, political analyst and professor at UVA; the presentation of the Distinguished Alumna Award to Joanne Holbrook Patton '52.

After the memorial service at the Monument and a community picnic in the Quad, Doris Kearns Goodwin, SBC's first honorary degree recipient, noted journalist and presidential historian, treated her audience to an evocative, thought-provoking talk.

Saturday the CCR Symposium closed with Judge Kenneth Starr, independent federal prosecutor, addressing the machinations within the Supreme Court surrounding two hearings that decided the 2000 presidential election.

More than 300 alumnae attended. Consideration is being given to offering similar fall events each year as, in President Muhlenfeld's words, "an Intellectual Homecoming."



Professor Larry Sabato



Seniors lay memorial Daisies at Monument



Doris Kearns Goodwin at book signing event

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# letters and e-mails

## To the Class of 1958

I taught history at Sweet Briar from 1954 to 1956. My wife, Agatha, taught at the nursery school. We sponsored the Class of 1958. After two years at SBC, I accepted a professorial position at W&L, but we kept in contact with our Sweet Briar student and faculty friends. The little bird bath in the nursery school yard is a memorial for our son Tommy who was with us at Sweet Briar and who died three years later.

Agatha died in 1997. She was close to a number of students. I would like to keep up with the class that we sponsored through the Alumnae Magazine.

My home address is 8330 Millman Street, Philadelphia, PA 19118 (e-mail [thughes@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:thughes@sas.upenn.edu)). I am now Mellon Emeritus Professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Distinguished Visiting Professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

—Thomas P. Hughes

## An absolutely terrific Centennial volume

Congratulations on an absolutely terrific Centennial volume—and we're all so pleased to see our mother/grandmother/great-grandmother's photo.

—Judy Watkins

Granddaughter of Lilian Lloyd Thayer '10, first student enrolled at SBC

Ed. Note: We didn't know we had found a photo of Lilian Lloyd until Ms. Watkins and husband dropped in at Alumnae House, coincidentally on the Friday of Centennial Gala Weekend! See p. 16, Centennial issue (March 2001).

## Eyes on page 51

Thank you for that marvelous Centennial edition! Every time I flip through the pages, my eyes are caught on page 51. I don't think I'm mistaken in my belief

that my mother, Allen Bagby MacNeil, is seated in the armchair, second from the left. That being the case, the picture could be dated no later than Spring of 1941, when she graduated.

—Tonia MacNeil '68

Ed. Note: Thank you, Tonia, for identification and date!

## A Wonderful Keepsake

Congratulations on your Centennial edition of the Alumnae Magazine. It is lots of fun in addition to being informative. It will be a wonderful keepsake for alumnae, faculty, and administrators. The April Celebration was also fun. You people worked hard to make it all go smoothly.

I have adjusted quite easily to life at The Forest at Duke...enjoying varied activities sponsored by The Forest and cultural events at Duke, Durham, Chapel Hill, and Raleigh. I stay very busy. I do miss the mountains, however.

—Barbara Blair  
Dean Emerita

Professor of Chemistry Emerita

## Centennial Issue Fantastic

The special Centennial edition was fantastic. All my friends were very impressed...

—Jennifer Crossland '86

## Centennial Edition Outstanding

I thought the Centennial edition was outstanding. I have read most of it and plan to continue reading until I finish it.

—Jane Warner Williams '47

## Fall '01 Alumnae Council: Congratulations

Congratulations on a wonderful Alumnae Council! After reading the catalog, "Sweet Briar College and Ralph Adams Cram—Dreams and Reality" I was impressed by the tremendous effort made by the entire Sweet Briar community. I had originally planned on attending

Alumnae Council for the sole purpose of learning more about Sweet Briar's architecture, Ralph Adams Cram, and the efforts made to preserve the Historic District. However, I stayed a bit longer and found the other lectures intriguing. As I drove through the Gates making my way back to Richmond, I was reminded of how truly special the Sweet Briar experience is and it indeed means something different to each alumna.

To see changes on campus done to preserve the wishes and efforts of Sweet Briar's founders while making strides toward Sweet Briar's next 100 years was extraordinary.

Dr. Muhlenfeld always blends past with present in a lovely way when speaking. Sweet Briar is no longer just a small women's college in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is a fine liberal arts college preparing young women for their futures, in the classroom, and beyond graduation. The red, white and blue Hitching Post and Rock are testaments to the fact that while SBC is a small community, its members are well aware of the world beyond. I received a phonathon call last week and immediately commended the students for remembering the victims in New York and Washington. There has been a flurry of e-mails among us alumnae spanning the classes, even some with photo attachments of the Hitching Post!

Though I always have been, I am now even more proud to have a Sweet Briar diploma on my wall and ring on my finger. As a young alumna, I only have time as a volunteer to give, but I assure you that if I were able, I would raise my hand and join the "Pine Box Club" right now! Hala Hala Hala,

—Karen Hatt '91

## Alumnae Council Update: Gives me confidence

I liked hearing about what has been happening on campus. The

way the World Trade Center/Pentagon crisis was handled was very impressive. It gives me confidence that little things must be handled as effectively. The schedule for next alumnae colleges is exciting.

—Kate Hillestad '89.

## Alumnae Council: A wonderful few days

What a wonderful few days we had at Sweet Briar. My husband and I were only able to stay through Friday, but everything was exceptional. And staying at the Inn was a real treat.

—Blair Walker Lawrence '68

## Great Symposium

Thanks for a great Ralph Adams Cram Symposium! Sorry I couldn't stay longer.

—Keedie Granes Leonard '76

## Judge Kenneth Starr

Although I regret Mr. Starr's appearance at Sweet Briar, I do agree with him on one thing—the "controversy continues."

—Mary Fran Brown Ballard '49

## A privilege

A privilege to hear such a well-educated, brilliant mind, [Kenneth Starr] explaining the dilemma of the last election.

—Elizabeth Williams Gookin '44

## Fascinating, factual discussion

This was one of, if not the most, fascinating and factual discussions of any legal case I've ever heard (and I'm a lawyer). Ken Starr was in his Salicitor General role at its best.

—Elaine Schuster '58

## Doris Kearns Goodwin Talk was wonderful

Her talk was wonderful. She tied events of 9-11-01 into historical perspective. That was so much on all our minds. Anything else seemed irrelevant.

Thank you for your wonderful hospitality. It was a privilege to

# letters and emails

be able to stay on campus. The beauty and serenity were a tonic for a troubled time...Climbing to the Monument was very meaningful.

—Lile Tucker Bell '45

## Mesmerizing

Doris Kearns Goodwin was mesmerizing.

—Diane Dale Reiling '73

## Symposia

**Larry Sabato:** Cogent and clear and entertaining. Would certainly hope he could return to SBC. The star speakers all excelled. Hope we don't have to wait another hundred years to have such a high-caliber program!

—Jean Gant Nuzum '62

## Centennial Video—The next best thing to being there

I write to thank [whoever] was kind enough to include me on the list of participants—and those who would have dearly liked to have been participants—in Sweet Briar's Centennial celebration, who were chosen to receive the video record of those exhilarating proceedings.

I loved seeing the Sweet Briar campus again—after a lapse of some 40 years; and the equally lovely Sweet Briar students, and their cheerful instructors and administrative staff members, including especially the College's President.

Sally Ride proved to be the perfect guest speaker, her address brilliantly illustrated by the films she brought with her of planet Earth as seen from outer space. Where else, apart from maps, has the human eye ever seen almost the entire Mediterranean Sea, from the Strait of Gibraltar to the fabled Isles of Greece?

Of course I looked for anyone who is still there from my time, 1947-1960. My colleague Martha von Briesen, a Centennial Award recipient,

must have been there, but I failed to find her in the video. Nor did I see Helen Moc. But Ann Reams was there, and Elizabeth Prothro, seated at left among the award recipients and surely on the video cover as well. Nancy Godwin Baldwin's comments were filmed, and it was good to see again the loss who played Iolanthe to my Lord Chancellor in the Paint and Patches production of that Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, staged in the cramped basement of Fletcher and directed by Sid Freeman, in March 1957.

I was sorry to see no mention of Dr. Connie Guion, apart from one reference to the Guion Science Building, whose dedication I attended. But Dr. Guion's beloved Miss Benedict was mentioned.

Seeing this sprightly record of the weekend's celebrations was the next best thing to being there. Many, many thanks from one who will always love the College.

—John Detmold  
Former Director of Development

## A wonderful surprise

It was such a wonderful surprise to receive the Centennial video in my mailbox! It was so nice to remember that not so long ago, there was a time when we didn't think twice about spending one night thinking of nothing but Sweet Briar and how blessed we all were to be part of such a special, special place. I only hope that we will all feel free to celebrate like that again soon. Holla Holla!

—Molly Morris '94

## What a treat

Thank you so much for the absolutely wonderful Centennial video. What a treat to relive that spectacular, memorable, and historic night! And, even more, it was such a treat to see so many of my favorite professors and people (and my Mom!) on the video, talking about this place which means so much to us

all...I hope that all of you are doing well...I'm happy as can be with my job at Art Services International, working for an alumna!

—Emily Pegues '00

## Mother in the Class of 1910

How very thoughtful of you to send this wonderful tape so that those of us who could not be there, can feel a part of the exciting events. As I searched for familiar faces among the familiar and lovely surroundings, many memories returned. I also enjoyed the very early pictures, for my mother [Eleanor Furman Hudgens] was in the Class of 1910. How I wish she were here to watch this treasure with me. Thank you for the lovely gift.

—Nelle Hudgens Leviss '41

## Thinking of a very special professor

Thank you for the wonderful tape. I am from the Class of 1944 and it was great to view this special tape. When I was at Sweet Briar, I had a very special professor and I was thinking of her as I watched. She was Dr. Belle Boone Beard. I also had a philosophy class with Dr. Lucy Crawford and I was glad to see that she was honored.

—Muriel Abrash Schapiro '44

## Omission of the word "housewife"

Thank you for the wonderful video on Sweet Briar's Centennial. While thanking you, I'd like to mention two things: one, the possibility of making a video of the College, showing all the buildings and opportunities that Sweet Briar offers its students. I remember that when I went to Sweet Briar, I was unprepared as to what to expect.

Secondly, I noticed the careful omission of the word "housewife" as a possible career for women. The word "motherhood" replaced it.

One of the excuses I've always heard for not being a housewife is that since they're going to work, they're going to get paid for it. I've been a "housewife" for over 40 years. I've found that you have to be a mother, doctor (the doctor isn't always right), businesswoman, interior decorator, teacher, and so on and so on, ad infinitum. There is no "sick leave" and few vacations.

Maybe we can dream up a more glorified title for "housewife."

—Tessita Wood O'Daniel '53

## A great idea

The video of Sweet Briar is very good and I am delighted to have it. A great idea for alumnae and friends.

—Judith Meade Ruffin Anderson '57

## Glad I was able to attend

I was glad I was able to attend the Centennial Gala in April, and it was very thoughtful of the College to send us a video of that event. Thank you very much.

—Ruth Firm  
Professor of Art History  
Emerita

## So, so proud

The video was perfect. How I loved watching it. What a wonderful surprise...It took me right back to my very first day at SBC. It made me wish I had been there sharing it...It made me so, so proud to be a SBC girl.

—Alison Irwin '74

## Tape is terrific

The tape is terrific...It was good seeing the wonderful scenery—good to see a couple of familiar faces...and many more familiar names.

—Joanne Oberkirch Willis '42

# letters and e-mails

## Video both warm and professional

I had time to view the video yesterday. I thoroughly enjoyed it—it was both warm and yet "professional." Thank you.

I've also enjoyed browsing through the 2 Centennial issues of the SB magazine. What treasures!

—Faith Rahmer Croker '54

## Prettiest campus in America

Thanks so much! I look forward to viewing the prettiest campus in America.

—Sue Scanlan '69

## Interesting, well done

Thank you for the Sweet Briar College Centennial Gala Celebration video—Interesting, well done. So proud of our current president—a valuable asset!

—Caroline Chobot Garner '54

## So enjoyed being there

Thank you for the tape of the SBC Centennial Gala Celebration. We so enjoyed being there and look forward to viewing the tape.

—Kay Vance Johns '48

## Fantastic gift to alumnae

Thank all the "powers that be" for the wonderful tape of SBC's great celebration. What a fantastic gift to alumnae!!!

—Ann Morrison Reams '42  
Former Director, Alumnae  
Association

## Anxiously waiting

PLEASE may I have another Centennial tape—I wanted to show my Dad and his machine ATE the tape—he is anxiously waiting to join in the celebration!

—Judi Bensen Stigle '67

## Huge waste of SBC funds

A video was returned unopened with the following note:  
Huge waste of SBC funds to do this. Suggest take orders next time. Keep for your files as I don't want to throw out.

—Page Kjellstrom '70

*Ed. Note: Page—The video was produced instead of the winter issue of the magazine and instead of sending a holiday greeting card from the President to alumnae. It was sent to our magazine mailing list, which includes alumnae, current parents, and on-campus mail to our faculty and staff. We actually saved money by doing this, as we used footage we already had from Centennial and only had to tape an introduction and final bit by President Muhlenfeld. I wish you had watched it! The summer '01 magazine issue cost \$27,200, which is average. The video cost \$25,550 for 12,500*

copies, the same number of copies we print of the magazine. Additional money was saved by the President's Office by not purchasing and mailing holiday cards to alumnae.

## Loved the video

We loved the video. Thank you for putting that together. I'm hoping to make it to my 25th Reunion in May.

—Peggy Haley Sheehan '77

# bulletin board

## Sweet Briar NetLetter

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also features a list of employers who will match your gifts, planned giving information, and profiles of students who benefit from your generosity. The extraordinary generosity of alumnae, parents, and friends continues as the College's gift totals as of December 31, 2001 reflect increased giving in several critical areas including the Annual Fund. Our most profound gratitude to all who participated. Go to [www.giving.sbc.edu](http://www.giving.sbc.edu)

## Correction

The photo on P. 27 of the Summer '01 magazine issue, accompanying a story about Angela Aiken, is mistakenly identified as Angela. The photo is of classmate Ramona Achterberg. We apologize for the error! Angela is pictured here.



# In Memoriam



Frank McClain

## The Reverend Doctor Frank M. McClain

In 1962, for the first time in more than 40 years, Sweet Briar welcomed a resident chaplain. The Reverend Doctor Frank Mauldin McClain was appointed chaplain and associate professor of religion. His duties included preaching, teaching, and counseling, and he was in charge of religious services and the selection of visiting ministers. Lancaster House, home to the chaplain, his wife Mary Lee ("Missie") McGinnis McClain '54, and their two small daughters, offered warm hospitality to the entire campus community.

Frank McClain's tenure at the College (1962-1966) spanned perhaps the most critical period of its history: in October 1963, the faculty sub-

mitted a resolution for open admissions and in November, the Boards of Directors and Overseers determined to take legal action, seeking reinterpretation of the founder's will to allow African-American women to be students at Sweet Briar. Frank is remembered with gratitude for his leadership, wise counsel, sensibility, and his unshakable belief in the course toward open admissions that he felt the College must take. Clearly, Frank McClain was in the right place at the right time.

It was also during his stewardship that the Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel was constructed. Much of the graceful dignity and simple beauty of the chapel appointments stem from his vision of a place to inspire worship and communion.

A lifelong scholar, after service in the Philippines in World War II, he earned bachelor's degrees at Yale University (Phi Beta Kappa) and at Cambridge University in England (First in Theology). He also earned his master's and doctoral degrees at Cambridge, and a theological degree from General Theological Seminary in New York City. He was ordained Deacon in the Episcopal Church in January 1952 and Priest in the Episcopal Church in December 1952.

He was a Danforth Fellow at the American Academy of Religion; an Episcopal Church Foundation Fellow; Secretary of the Anglican Theological Review; adjunct professor and member of the Board of Trustees, Seabury-Western Seminary, Evanston, Illinois and a member of the Board of Trustees, Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Many interests and other memberships included serving as chaplain of the Society of Colonial Wars in Charleston, South Carolina, and as a member of the Society of the War of 1812. He was the first clergy member of the Society for the Relief of Widows, Orphans and Disabled Clergy in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina, colloquially known as the Clergy Society, which was founded 260 years ago to aid the families of English clergy sent to South Carolina.

Always a vital member of the communities he served and nurtured, Frank led Tennessee

parishes in Memphis, Nashville, Harriman, and Germantown. While he was rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in Germantown he founded Saint George's Day School in 1958, thus seeing a longtime dream of his become a reality. He retired as rector from Christ Church, Winnetka, Illinois, in 1991.

Frank McClain died of a heart attack December 15, 2000 at the age of 76. Survivors include his wife Mary Lee, daughters Rebecca McClain Newton, Mary Lee McClain Renken, and Katherine Anne McClain, a brother, Richard McClain, and three grandchildren, McClain Walton Newton, Helen Eleanor Ashcraft Renken, and Frances Mauldin McClain Renken.

## Charles N. Prothro

Mr. Charles N. Prothro of Wichita Falls, Texas, died on March 5th, 2001, of natural causes at a Wichita Falls Hospice. He was 83. He was the husband of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39, and the father of three sons, Joseph, Mark (a current member of Sweet Briar's Board of Directors), and Vincent, who died last fall, and one daughter, Kathryn Prothro Yeager '61. He was also the grandfather of Kathryn Elizabeth Yeager Edwards '84, Linda Yeager Beltchev '85, and Charlotte Holland Prothro Philbin '95.

Mr. Prothro served on the College's Boards of Directors and Overseers for 18 years, and as Chairman from 1972-

# In Memoriam



Charles Prothro

1977. During his service on Sweet Briar's Board, he was an important voice and wise counselor on numerous architectural and building matters for the College. Included among his many contributions to the College are two facilities which bear the Prothro name: the Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Natatorium and Prothro Commons, and the Prothro Scholarship is the College's largest endowed scholarship fund.

An oil executive and industrialist, Mr. Prothro maintained a lifelong service to and philanthropic interest in higher education. His business career was long and illustrious, including service as managing partner, Perkins-Prothro Company; president and director of Perkins Timberlake department stores; president and director of Ponies Oil; and owner/operator of extensive ranching properties engaged in the cattle business. His business expertise also engaged him in many commercial and real estate agencies and banking institutions in Texas. Mr. Prothro, a director of the Joe and Lois Perkins Foundation and president of the Perkins-Prothro Foundation, was a leader in numerous community organizations, including several tied to education. He was a member of the Texas



Mary Virginia Mallett

Commission on Higher Education, and served in various capacities at the University of Texas, Southern Methodist University, Baylor, Southwestern, and the Wichita Falls School Board as well as at Sweet Briar College.

## Mary Virginia Grigsby Mallett '49

Mary Virginia Mallett, 74, died of a heart attack in Indianapolis on April 3, 2001, just two and a half weeks before she would have been back at Sweet Briar to attend the Centennial Gala Celebration.

She had been a self-employed mental health counselor, retiring in 1996. She was a member of the Kiwanis Club, an avid Cubs fan, and an active member of the Church of the Nativity.

A 1949 graduate with a major in chemistry, she loved learning; she received a master's degree in microbiology in 1952 from Purdue University and a master's in counseling in 1991 from Butler University.

In an interview when she was featured in the Spring 1992 issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* ("In the Sweet Briar Tradition"), she noted: "It was my biology teacher who encouraged me to continue my studies in bacteriology. The male-female ratio at Purdue in

1949 was about 20:1 and most of the post-war graduate students were older men on the G.I. bill...very motivated to succeed. Even so, I managed to hold my own. I was well-prepared academically and socially—I certainly hadn't been trained to pour tea! Plus, there were Sweet Briar alumnae in Lafayette who made me feel welcome right away. From then on, it seems no matter where I went—Lafayette, Frederick, Indianapolis, London—there was always an open door leading back to Sweet Briar."

Through the years, Mary Virginia's loyalty and support were enduring. She served on the Board of the Alumnae Association and was a stalwart of the Indianapolis Alumnae Club, serving it in many ways: "When I was active as an alumna admissions representative, I always characterized Sweet Briar as a place where young women could develop the skills, confidence, and self-esteem they needed to succeed in a changing world."

She concluded the interview by explaining her lifelong commitment to her alma mater: "You see, out of all the schools I applied to, Sweet Briar was the only place I really wanted to go. Then, not only was I accepted, I was awarded a freshman scholarship. From that day on, I felt I could never do enough for the College. As much as I've participated and contributed over the years, I've always felt that far more came back to me than I had given."

She is survived by three sons, Edward, William, and Stephen, her daughter Barbara '79, and five grandchildren.

Rosam Quae Meruit Ferat

## Professor Max Graeber

Dr. Max Graeber, a much admired and respected member of the Sweet Briar community, died July 26, 2001 in Lynchburg General Hospital. He had come to the College in 1994 as an Adjunct Professor in the Theatre Arts Department and taught courses in public speaking and oral communication.

Dr. Graeber held a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Indiana University and a master's and Ph.D. in speech communication from Bowling Green State University, Ohio. He was a fine scholar, teacher, and colleague; his presence is missed in all of these roles. A special student-initiated service of remembrance was held in the Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel in September.

## recent deaths

Recent Deaths		1930	Elizabeth Saunders Mrs. Harry A. Ramsay, Jr. April 26, 2001	1938	Mary Talcott Mrs. E. Griffith Dodson, Jr. May 11, 2001	1949	Cornelia Sadowsky Mrs. Donald E. W. Niemann December 30, 2000
1922	Josephine Hereford Mrs. Hart Smith May 5, 2001	1931	Evelyn Mullen Miss Evelyn D. Mullen November 5, 2001	1940	Jane Baker Mrs. Jane B. Grant August 16, 2001	1949	Joyce Smith Mrs. Joyce S. White November 29, 2001
1925	Lysbeth Goodlove Mrs. J. Osborn Wood December 12 2000	1932	Cornelia Mathewson Mrs. Harold Eggers March 9, 1999	1941	Marian Atkinson Mrs. Herbert E. Ryerson October 25, 2001	1951	Judith Clippinger Miss Judith Clippinger March 29, 1998
1925	Tallulah Holloway Mrs. Van B. Harris August 20, 2001	1932	Hollie Orr Mrs. Jim T. Barton December 5, 2001	1941	Wilma Cavett Mrs. Wilma C. Records October 1, 2001	1953	Elizabeth Enteman Mrs. Charles B. Hearns December 18, 2001
1927	Camilla Alsop Mrs. Edwin Hyde August 5, 2001	1932	Theda Sherman Mrs. John W. Newlin May 20, 2001	1941	Eunice Foss Mrs. John L. Sneed III September 2, 2001	1956	Evelyn Christison Mrs. Evelyn Gregory August 1, 2001
1927	Daphne Bunting Mrs. Lawrence K. Blair February 13, 2001	1933	Jacqueline Billard Miss Jacqueline Billard January 19, 2000	1941	Helen Hamilton Mrs. William H. Bixby, Jr. October 21, 2001	1958	Mary Jane Weed Mrs. Mary Jane Weed Delagarza
1927	Elizabeth Chaffinch Mrs. John H. Hornbaker Date unknown	1933	Elizabeth Gray Miss Elizabeth S. Gray June 17, 2001	1941	Barbara Searles Mrs. Gaylord S. Parrett March 13, 2001	1963	Elizabeth Randolph Mrs. John L. Lewis III October 17, 2001
1927	Catherine Johnson Mrs. T. Hall Brehme, Jr. July 1, 1995	1933	Elisabeth Ratcliff Mrs. Augustine C. Bryan April 16, 2001	1942	Janet Houstoun Mrs. Platt W. Davis, Jr. December 12, 2001	1967	Leslie Huber Ms. Leslie Huber Dudley Date unknown
1929	Maria Bemiss Mrs. Henry C. Hoar August 19, 2001	1935	Helen Carruthers Mrs. R. Lloyd Hackwell October 27, 2001	1943	Janice Fitzgerald Mrs. James A. Wellons, Jr. January 1, 2001	1967	Virginia Young Mrs. David L. Phillips May 22, 2001
1929	Anne Brent Mrs. John B. Winn March 4, 2001	1936	Mary Kate Crow Mrs. William S. Sinclair, Jr. June 10, 2001	1943	Eleanore Angela Marston Mrs. Robert Beste November 16, 2001	1973	Alice Carol Stewart Mrs. Doug Harper III October 2001
1929	Claire Hoyt Mrs. Charles C. Gaver February 6, 1999	1936	Louise Damgard Mrs. E. W. Eichelkraut March 1, 2001	1944	Virginia Burgess Mrs. Virginia L. Struhsaker October 7, 2001	1978	Mary Ella Mays Mrs. James Lewis September 9, 2001
1929	Alwyn Redmond Mrs. Alwyn R. Barlow July 13, 2001	1936	Martha Hornor Mrs. John B. Maxwell October 9, 2001	1944	Alice Hepburn Mrs. Charles S. Puleston April 3, 2001	1987	Carol Wooldridge Ms. Carol W. Tuttle July 7, 2001
1930	Claire Giesecke Mrs. John W. Wingo February 4, 2001	1937	Anne Lauman Mrs. Donald S. Bussey July 11, 2001	1946	Juliette Rollins Mrs. Robert Napier December 6, 1999	<p><i>If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.</i></p>	
1930	Mary Douglas Lyon Mrs. Donald M. Stedman November 13, 2001	1938	Josephine Sutton Mrs. Robert J. McCandlish, Jr. August 21, 2001	1948	Malloy Wright Mrs. Robert E. Warren, Jr. July 22, 2001	<p><i>If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.</i></p>	
1930	Emma Riely Mrs. Remy Lemaire December 27, 2001						

# ALUMNAE COLLEGE TRAVEL



"China and the Yangzi River," May 22-June 8, 2001. L-r, Kneeling in front: Tour Director Sunny; Guest Lecturer, Art History Professor Aileen Laing '57; Virginia Farrar; Cynthia Nelson; Mallie Johnson Nelson '64; Juliana Gilheany. Standing: Kathryn Ward-Johnson; Joon W. Moody; Patricia Davin Robinson '49; Bob Hallis; Linda McArthur Hollis '61; James Timberlake; Margaret Towers Talman '49; Anne Wilson Rowe '57; Davis Main; Peggy Main; Alice Trout Hagan '49; Maeve McGuire; Richard Bianchi; Carla de Creny Freed '51; Dorothy Woods McLeod '58; Alec McLeod; Susan Goodridge; Cynthia Wilson Ottaway '57.



"Alumni College in Provence," March 5-13, 2001. Pictured in front of *Mas des Pilans*, the Provence house of Nancy Hall Green '64 and Holcombe T. Green, Jr. L-r, Front row: SBC Professor of French Dominique Leveau, Susan Anthony, Susan Taylor Mantague '59, Sallie Beattie Sinkler '59, Fleur Bennett, Dorothy Allen Hirs '52, Wilene Lampert, Anne Wilson Rawe '57, Janet Davenport. Back row: Edythe Paris Bird, SB JYF '54-'55, Newell Bryan Tazzer '55, Ben Stimpson, Ann Greer Adams '56, Nedra Greer Stimpson '51, Marion S. Adams, Jr., Ann Pegram Harris '59, Judith Wright Noel '80, Nancy McDowell '63, Robert Ballard, Elizabeth Janes Turner '61, Lucy Bryan Ballard '74, David Turner, Josiah Rowe.

Paris Alumnae Luncheon, May 2001,  
L-r: SBC Vice President for  
Development/College Relations Ivana  
Pelnar-Zaika; Christine Jabouley  
Hubac '87; Benedictine Valentin '00;  
Stephanie Harman Simonard '72;  
Aja Gabrielle Grosvenor '02, JYF.



## Chalmers turns cook at NYC disaster

By Eveline Speedie

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Among the hundreds if not thousands of people who flocked to New York City to volunteer their services following the World Trade Center disaster is a former longtime township resident.

Judy Chalmers of Summit has been involved in the relief effort in Manhattan since Sept. 13. Although she recently moved—she was a resident of Marion Avenue for nearly 30 years—she instinctively turned to the Millburn-Short Hills chapter of the American Red Cross to offer her assistance the day after the disaster struck. That proposal eventually led to what is now a two month-long stint near Ground Zero, helping to prepare 5,000 meals a day for relief workers.

"I had worked with veterans affairs for many years in the 1980s and went to the Millburn Red Cross to see what I could do," Ms. Chalmers said last week. An energetic, effervescent lady, she started by delivering cots for the Summit Red Cross to various centers in New Jersey where victims with less severe injuries were

being treated.

"After a day of driving cots from place to place, I was asked to take supplies from the Summit Red Cross and the Summit Police Department to the Javits Center in Manhattan," Ms. Chalmers said. "I drove in tandem with a young man from Summit, our vehicles jammed with boots, goggles, kneepads, bottled water, socks and supplies of every type. We were absolutely stunned to see the skyline of Manhattan as we approached the Lincoln Tunnel. It looked like a huge eraser had just come in and removed the most defining structure of the skyline. Instead of the Twin Towers, there were just huge billowing black clouds of smoke above all of lower Manhattan."

The sight did not deter Ms. Chalmers from her goal to provide assistance. She signed on for the night shift at the Javits Center that started at midnight and ended at 10 a.m. Her duties included packing and repacking boxes, delivering items, procuring donated items, assisting in cooking—anything to ease the unimaginable burden of a city in pain.

"I come to life at night so the night shift suited me," Ms. Chalmers said. She was immediately put in charge of a tent where toiletries and food donations were to be unpacked, sorted and repacked. Filled with stories of sacrifice and the best humanity has to offer, she also related stories hinting of strain and tension among the workers. There was the night 200 men showed up at 4 a.m. with 47 trucks full of donated goods. A volunteer refused to accept delivery of such a large load at that time of day and a mini-mutiny resulted among the volunteer staff. The delivery, Ms. Chalmers said, came all the way from Michigan in what was a non-stop trip.

After the National Guard was assigned to the Javits Center, Ms. Chalmers joined a



Judy Sorley Chalmers '59 flanked by fellow volunteers Mike Austin of New York, left, and Chris Browne of the NYC Police Department.

group of volunteers who set up a field kitchen in Hell's Kitchen, across the street from the Javits Center. There she met three "remarkable" people—Tony Hall, a food services manager from Providence, R.I., Ron Rivezzo, a chef from Key West, Fla., and Frank Marquez, a chef from Los Angeles. "They immediately began to prepare astonishing hot meals about 18 hours a day," according to Ms. Chalmers. Stopping to rest maybe five hours at night, the group prepared 5,000 meals a day.

When representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency appeared one day to relieve the volunteers of their duties, another mini-mutiny resulted.

"They told us they would take over the needs of the city and its officers," Ms. Chalmers recalled. "We said, 'fine—we'll leave the minute you come with a facility.' Not only did they never come with any replacements, but a week later Ron and Tony told us we were not being sent home but in fact three different areas in the city were begging for us to move there. The site that needed us the most was the South Street Seaport, only a few blocks from Ground Zero."

The food service group also was put under the auspices of the American Red Cross, The Salvation Army and the New York City Police Department, Ms.



Judy at the on-site "kitchen"

Chalmers reported. The shift toward a semi-official status has not made much difference in the work of the food group. They still make the meals and find the groceries. But they've received considerable assistance lately from many new sources, including Stop and Shop which sent a refrigerated truck full of food from Boston. The truck has remained at the site and the food chain has offered to fill it with whatever is needed on a continual basis.

Ms. Chalmers told of packages sent from schoolchildren all over the country, with notes of encouragement attached. She spoke of a group of 19

Texans—from her home state—who arrived one night in a convoy of five “mammoth” trucks. The first truck, a refrigerated one, contained 20,000 pounds of beef brisket. A second vehicle was a flatbed carrying a barbecue grill so large it would not fit into the Lincoln Tunnel. “They had to re-route up to the George Washington Bridge,” Ms. Chalmers said. She reported being joined by movie stars

Susan Sarandon and Loretta Swit at the barbecue grill and working alongside an ex-con named Nelson who replaced a worn-out Ron as cook.

Her memories abounding, Ms. Chalmers has written a copious account of her activities as a volunteer. She works the day shift now and is anticipating returning at some point to her prior project—a “Flying Hospital” that offers medical assistance in the form of pediatric reconstructive surgery in Central and South America called “A Better Life.” Co-founded with one of her three children,



**Stocking up: Judy and a fellow worker with supplies donated from Stop and Shop, transported from Boston.**

Cameron, the organization sends a medical team of 22 to Ecuador to work on cases involving orthopedic and birth defects. After Sept. 11, the effort was suspended, but only temporarily, Ms. Chalmers said.

“We’re following a U.S. State Department advisory,” she explained. “Anyway, right now my heart is in New York.”

*Ed. Update: Judy Chalmers continued her work through December. In February 2002, she and six other volunteers met to set up a founding board for Ground Zero Food Services (GZFS), becoming, with Tony Hall's leadership, a 501 (c) (3) to be prepared “to do what we are doing in New York for any other place in the country, when or if, God forbid, another disaster of this dimension should occur. We realized...that there is not at the moment any agency...doing what we do...I think this September 11th experience is a real wake-up call for the Red Cross and many other organizations who simply had more on their plates than they could effectively deal with. The Salvation Army is still providing great service, but VERY few others after all this time.” For Judy's full chronicle of her first three months at GZ, go to her website: <http://judithchalmers-groundzero.info/>*

## Scientist Stitches a New Career

By Janet Caggiano, November 21, 2001

*Times Dispatch Staff Writer*

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Friends think that Denton F. Kump, the scientist, has gone mad.

She prefers to think of it as coming to her senses.

The mother of two young sons, Kump spent years pursuing a career in medicine, earning her Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology from the Medical College of Virginia in 1997. She spent the next few years earning a comfortable salary as a research scientist at MCV and later at Pharmaceutical Research Associates (PRA) in Charlottesville.

But in August, she bid farewell to her full-time job to design handbags and shoes from her Richmond home.

“Everyone thinks I’m insane,” Kump said. “They all say, ‘You must be crazy. You get your Ph.D. and now you are dilly-dallying with fabrics?’ But I love it. I’m totally immersed in this now.”

Tired of her black nylon diaper bag doubling as a purse, Kump longed for something a little more colorful and fun. So late last year she designed and made her own handbag, shaped like a cube and decorated with a bright pink, green and yellow fabric.

“I wanted a fun purse, but I couldn’t find one,” she said. “I was so happy with the one I made that I wore it everywhere.”

Soon, strangers and friends alike were asking Kump if she’d make one for them. Poesis Inc. was born.

Figuring she’d fill the orders in her spare time, Kump continued working full-time. She completed clinical trials on drugs, studied the interaction between the brain and the immune system and fulfilled duties as a medical writer.

At home, with her boys off to bed and her husband, Cyrus, reading and studying for his orthopedic residency at MCV, Kump sat at her grandmother’s Singer and sewed her handbags. When someone at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts saw one, she invited her to sell them at the gift shop.

## SPOTLIGHT



Denton Freeman Kump '88

From there, the bags also have made their way to the shelves of the Designer Consignor, Paddywack, Levys and the Phoenix in Richmond. Kump rented a temporary booth at a trade show in Atlanta this summer and picked up 40 more accounts at stores and boutiques across the country.

That's when she knew it was time to cut back her full-time hours at PRA, where she continues as a consultant. And since she could no longer keep up with demand on her own, she found a manufacturer. She still does all the design work.

"I think growing up I always wanted to do something creative," Kump said. "But my family and everyone around me said I needed to get with something where there's money. So I think I've been craving a creative outlet."

Kump started Poesis - which comes from the Greek word that means to create - with three basic handbag designs. Now she has five, plus she's added shoes. Her handbags, made mostly of polished cotton and upholstery-weight fabrics, come in three shapes - the cube, triangle and rectangle. Three of the designs are full size and available in 17 fabrics, like Pink Tutti, Vixen, Groovy, Monkey, Zebra and Moxie. There's even a Richmond fabric, a combination of horizontal stripes in pink, yellow, blue and green.

Her other two designs are the cube and rectangle cocktail handbags, which are

smaller than the full-size bags. Her shoes, Panama grass sandals with hand-carved wooden heels, come in four fabrics.

About a month after the terrorist attacks, Kump added Stars and Stripes handbags. This pattern is available in the cube and triangle only, with half of the proceeds going to the September 11th Fund.

While most of the whimsical bags shout color, from bright orange fruit fabrics to deep red stripes mixed with birds and hats, some of the fall designs come in darker tones. All sport fun buttons or tassels.

"Her bags are so different and so tasteful," said Chari Massie, co-owner of the Designer Consignor on Patterson Avenue. "It's a whole new look in purses. It's so refreshing. The customers are in love with it."

In three weeks, Massie's store has sold 25 of the purses. And in seven months, Kump has sold more than 750 purses nationwide. They range from \$40 to \$99. The shoes sell for about \$65. "I'm thrilled," Kump said. "It's done better than I imagined. And I'm so much happier now. For the first time in my life, I spring out of bed in the morning. I love creating. I probably should have been in visual arts long ago."

Growing up in High Point, N.C., Kump learned to sew when she was 11, when she took a sewing class with her mother.

"Even back then, I was a total clothes-monger," said Kump, now 35. "My mom said she wasn't going to buy me 15 new outfits a week. But she said if I learned to sew, she would buy me all the fabric I wanted."

At 14, she designed her first piece of clothing - a white cotton miniskirt. Later, when she entered Sweet Briar College, sewing took a back seat to studying. She graduated in 1988 with a degree in biology. Then it was on to MCV for her master's and Ph.D.

"When she said she was going to design handbags, she sort of sneaked the idea up on me a little at a time because she eased into it," her husband said. "But now it's sort of snowballed. It's a big change, but I'm proud of her."

Because of that change, the family now has to watch finances a little more closely, her husband said. Being a purse designer has not brought in the same income as a research scientist.

"Losing some income has been a little rough," he said. "But I want her to have the opportunity to pursue this. I don't want to keep her from the things she wants to do."

For now, that desire centers on handbags and shoes. Kump plans on adding more designs to her line. While she's not yet sure of their exact look, she's certain she won't skimp on the color.

"I want them as crazy and wild as possible," Kump said. "I think it would be neat for people to plan their outfit around their handbag. That's what I'm working toward anyway."

*Ed. Note: Update: Denton's handbags will be making appearances on the TV shows "Lizzie McGuire" (Disney) and "Becker" (CBS) and on the hit show "Friends" sometime this season; featured in an article in "Southern Lady," a women's interest magazine out of Birmingham, AL in May 2002 and in "Today's Charlotte Woman," Charlotte, NC. The whimsical bags are being sold in more than 60 boutiques around the country—and they are available at Sweet Briar's Book Shop!*

## Charting a Course for Disability Rights

### Activist Pursues Justice With Upfront, Down-to-Earth Style

By Erin Carroll  
*Los Angeles Daily Journal Staff Writer*

LOS ANGELES - Black leather jacket slung over the back of her desk chair, a can of Coke within easy reach, Eve Hill is ready to propel the disability rights movement to new victories and to take on all those who would dare challenge the Americans with Disabilities Act. But first the executive director of the Western Law Center for Disability Rights has to attend to day-to-day business.

It's just after 10 a.m. on a Tuesday, and Hill is behind her desk handling the first snag in her day of meetings, calls and even a movie premiere.

She's just learned that the center's in-house advocate for the rights of children with learning disabilities will be out for six weeks and that she might need to pinch hit. Dealing with school administrators isn't exactly this lawyer's specialty, but Hill doesn't seem daunted. With a smile, she puts her fist to her desk and describes her strategy.

"[If I have to go to a meeting], I'm just going to tell them, 'I want this. Why? Because I just do,'" she says.

Hill is joking, but she gives the impression that she walks out of many meetings having gotten what she came for. With a style that combines upfront with consummately down-to-earth, the 37-year-old Hill already has left an imprint on the disability rights movement far deeper than that left by many older advocates. In just three years as executive director, Hill's admirers say, she has raised the profile of the Western Law Center for Disability Rights from little-known nonprofit to serious player in the national disability rights movement. During that time, the center has been instrumental to getting what she wants - from sign-language interpreters for juvenile offenders to an agreement from a Korean tour bus operator that the company will not discriminate against those with disabilities.

"We were really a well-kept secret, but I've been working hard to change that," Hill says.

David Raizman, who directed the center in the mid-'90s and is now at the firm Bryan Cave, is one of Hill's biggest fans. "We're doing more and doing it better than before," says Raizman, who also is a board member of the center. "Any guilt I once felt over leaving the organization was completely wiped away by Eve's remarkable stewardship," he says.



**Eve Hill '86: SBC English major, magna cum laude graduate.**

It's now 10:30 a.m., and Hill has her first meeting of the day: a job interview for a position known as "options counselor." An options counselor answers the telephone and decides how a caller's problems should be handled. Plus, she oversees the 10 to 15 externs from the law school who work in the center each semester. The center has had a part-time options counselor, but Hill has just gotten board approval to make the position full time. It's a process she's had to go through on several occasions. During her tenure, the staff has grown from eight employees to 18. The increased staffing has created a problem Hill has found herself puzzling over a lot recently: space. The office the center occupies rent-free at Loyola Law School barely contains them anymore.

"We talk about building a loft," she jokes. "My last resort is subdividing my office."

Hill's job candidate arrives with his son, who has autism and is full of energy, in tow. Not missing a beat, Hill simply sets the boy up at a cubicle outside her office door so that he can entertain himself. The interview lasts about half an hour and, shortly before the candidate gets up to leave, he says to Hill, "You're doing something that you know matters. You have to do something that your heart is into."

Hill responds matter-of-factly, "I think so. I don't know if everyone does."

After the interview is over, Hill talks about another of the many hats she must wear as executive director: fund-raiser. It's something co-workers say Hill is successful at but that Hill concedes is far from her favorite part of the job.

"I really am a shy person," Hill says. "I don't know people with money, so I get introduced to people, but it's awkward. It's like I have a big sign over my head announcing what I'm going to ask them."

The annual budget for the center is about \$1.2 million and is funded by Loyola grants, attorney fees, the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts fund and donations. With the economic downturn, Hill has concerns about the forecast for the center in 2002. But so far, donations have been coming in at their usual pace, she says.

"What I'm afraid of is that we just aren't feeling it yet," she says.

It's about 11:30 a.m., and Hill has a quick meeting with her office manager, Marianne Brazer, who is organizing 20 training sessions given by the center's staff on the Americans with Disabilities Act and the rights of people with disabilities. Attendees include those with disabilities, their advocates and service providers. The center has received a grant to do twice as many sessions as it did last year, and, because most of the staff participates in each session, the logistics of scheduling them are daunting. But the results are well worth it, Hill says.

"What I want people to get out of this is how to advocate for themselves," she says.

The meeting ends with Hill telling Brazer she will make some telephone calls to help in the organizing. Then it's off to a luncheon meeting with the center's board president, Charles Siegal of Munger, Tolles & Olson, and vice president, Nicholas

DeWitt of DeWitt & Roberts, at a restaurant in a downtown high-rise. The three are scheduled to decide which board members will serve on which committees in 2002. But the meeting is delayed when DeWitt, who has picked up Hill, can't find any vacant handicapped parking spaces or any space that will allow him to get his wheelchair out. After they circle the building's underground lot, an attendant agrees to let DeWitt double-park his van.

"There should be one [handicapped] spot for every 25," Hill says, looking around at the sea of nonhandicapped parking. Clearly, there is work to be done.

After committee assignments are made and the Kung Pao chicken and shrimp with noodles have been cleared, DeWitt and Siegal tout the work that Hill has done. DeWitt mentions a meeting Hill had recently with the board's long-range planning committee at which members talked about how well things were going at the center. But Hill let them know that she was looking for more. "If you all want to maintain, that's fine. But maintaining is not my thing," DeWitt recalls Hill saying to them.

This comes from a woman who says she has always been so eager to please that she probably would have been a housewife had someone suggested that was expected of her. Instead, the Maine native graduated cum laude from Cornell Law School and took a job at the now-defunct Washington, D.C. firm of Pierson, Semmes & Benis doing natural gas contract litigation. Later, she made the leap to the Department of Justice, where she would stay for five years, eventually becoming the supervisory attorney for the Disability Rights Section. She loved her work, but when she heard about the job at the Western Law Center, she knew it would be perfect.

[Here I have] the possibility to be a leader in the disability rights movement," she says. "and move [it] forward in ways that I thought it should go."

Before Hill arrived, the Western Center included a Disability Mediation Center and Cancer Legal Research center – a one-of-a-kind clearinghouse for legal information related to cancer. However, its primary focus was litigation. Hill still sees the organization as the "legal" group among sister disability rights organizations, but

during her tenure she has grown the mediation and cancer centers and overseen new ventures, such as the Learning Rights Project. Now, litigation is but one of many things the center does.

After lunch, while Hill returns e-mails and makes phone calls, her staff members spend some time talking about their boss. "She's a total activist, maybe more so than any of us," staff attorney Chris Knauf says. Paula Pearlman, the center's director of litigation, calls Hill an "intellectual and legal mentor." Plus, Hill has provided real direction for the organization, Pearlman says. "She really has a model of working cooperatively for social change. She knows how to address legal issues, and she knows we need allies," Pearlman says.

Hill spends most of the afternoon on a conference call with board members. Though today she has been occupied by her many administrative functions, she spends many hours on other days teaching classes at Loyola Law School, where she is an associate professor. On another day, she might be writing an op-ed piece or an amicus brief. In one recent brief, she helped argue that Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act erases the immunity of state governments from employment discrimination suits. In another, Hill argued that a journalist with a repetitive stress injury that prevents her from writing or typing should be protected by the act. And then there is the time Hill spends envisioning where she wants the organization to go. It's hard with the disability rights movement to chart a course, she says, because the members are so diverse.

"People [with disabilities] come from every culture, religion [and] financial strata there is. It's really hard to create a movement from that," she says.

But Hill believes that she not only can do that but also can expand the organization, perhaps, into Oregon, Nevada or Washington.

"I want to do this on a bigger scale. We're the Western Law Center. We can do the West," she says.

It's now about 5 p.m., and Hill has some work to finish up. Then it's off to the premiere of "Sam I Am," a movie staring Sean Penn as a mentally challenged man fighting to get custody of his daughter. The pre-

miere is a fund-raiser for another organization. After that, Hill will head home. There, she will be greeted by a wheelchair-accessible ramp. But it's not for her personal use. She had it built so that friends would have no problem reaching the front door.

"I'm a put-your-money-where-your-mouth-is kind of person," she says.

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### Amy Thompson McCandless '68 Receives Outstanding Book Award

Amy McCandless, Professor of History at the College of Charleston, has received the 2001 Outstanding Book Award from the History of Education Society.

Published by the University of Alabama Press, her book, *The Past in the Present: Women's Higher Education in the Twentieth-Century American South*, examines regional and national influences that have made the educational experience of Southern women unique. She focuses on both black and white women at a wide variety of institutions. Drawing on oral interviews and campus publications, she constructs a very detailed picture of women's collegiate experiences in the South.

Thirty-eight books were considered by the committee which chose her book as "the most outstanding book on the history of education published during the years 1999 and 2000."

Amy has been teaching at the College of Charleston since 1976 and is also an



Amy McCandless

associate provost there. Her years at Sweet Briar included study in Scotland at the University of Aberdeen. She earned her A.B. in history from Sweet Briar, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and winning the History Award. In addition, she holds an M.B.A. in personnel from the University of South Carolina and her M.A. and Ph.D. in modern British social history from the University of Wisconsin. Most of Amy's research has been on women's history and British history and she has won numerous academic awards.

Amy is past-president of both the South Carolina Historical Association and the Southern Association for Women Historians and is a member of the editorial board of the *South Carolina Historical Magazine*. She is a past vice president of the College of Charleston's Avery Institute for African American History and Culture, and is currently chair of the Charleston Area Lutheran Campus Ministry. Amy's husband Peter is also a professor at the College of Charleston. They have two sons, Alastair, a 1997 alumnus of Furman University and Colin, a 2001 alumnus of the University of North Carolina-Asheville – and also a 14-year-old cat, Smokey, "a former mouse hunter and squirrel mauler."

*Amy's book is available for sale in the Sweet Briar Book Shop. It can be ordered by phone (800-381-6106), fax (434-381-6437) or email (bookshop@sbc.edu).*

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L-r: Tia Trout, President Muhlenfeld, Laura Reither

### **Laura Reither '02 and Tia Trout '02 Receive Presidential Medals**

Sweet Briar seniors Laura Reither, Summerville, SC, and Tia Trout, Louisa, KY, capped stellar college careers when President Muhlenfeld awarded them Presidential Medals at the February 20, 2002 Academic Recognition Dinner.

The Presidential Medal honors seniors who have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement and, in addition, distinction in some or all of the following areas: service to the community, contributions to the arts, enlargement of our global perspective, athletic fitness and achievement, leadership, and contributions to the community discourse.

Laura Reither, who plans to pursue graduate study of structural biology and the way in which proteins interact with drugs, was among 302 recipients nationwide to receive the highly selective national Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for the 2001-2002 academic year. She recently received news of her acceptance into graduate programs in biochemistry at both Harvard and Yale Universities.

Currently, Laura, a biochemistry and molecular biology major, is completing requirements for an honors degree conducting research on chemical toxins in watershed around Sweet Briar's campus. In April, she will present data from her research at the annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists in Boone, NC.

She was the only member of the Class of 2002 to be recognized by Phi Beta Kappa during her junior year. In addition, she has earned numerous awards and scholarships for her achievements, including the Betty Bean Black Scholarship, the Emilie Watts McVea Scholarship (as top-ranking member of her class), the Manson Memorial Scholarship, Alpha Lambda Delta, Iota Sigma Pi, Eta Sigma Phi and the Mary K. Benedict Scholarship.

Outside the classroom, Laura has served Sweet Briar as treasurer of the Student Government Association (SGA), Orientation chairwoman for the Class of 2005, the Chemistry Department representative on the Academic Affairs Committee, and a member of the Dean's Advisory Committee, among other co-curricular activities.

"Laura has been a quiet, dedicated, and steady presence in her co-curricular activities—not seeking the limelight, but exemplifying leadership of some important, but not always highly visible, projects including Orientation," said Dean of Co-Curricular Life Valdrie Walker.

Tia Trout, a government major with minors in law and society and applied music, was one of only 70 nationwide winners of the Truman Scholarship in March 2001. The highly selective scholarship recognizes college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government or elsewhere in public service. Tia will apply her \$30,000 for graduate studies, pursuing a master's degree in bioethics and a J.D. specializing in health law.

As an affirmation of her excellence, she was invited back following her first internship in the Clerk's Office of the U.S. Supreme Court in 2000 to serve as assistant clerk in summer 2001.

Also recognized with numerous accolades, Tia has been honored as a Manson Scholar, a Betty Bean Black Scholar, a four-year recipient of the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, a member of Phi Alpha Delta and a Mary McKintosh Sherer Award recipient.

Currently serving as SGA president, she served as class president her freshman, sophomore and junior years. In addition, she has served as an academic resource learning assistant, Government Department assistant and tutor, a resident assistant, and a KEY Leader for first-year students.

"During my years at Sweet Briar, I've developed a growing passion for student government combined with public service," said Tia, who has participated in numerous efforts to support academic, civic, and community engagement, most recently working toward the upcoming campus discussion on Sweet Briar's General Education distribution requirements.

## Elaine Schuster '58 Honored as One of Fifty Oklahoma "Women of the Year"

Elaine Schuster was named a finalist, for the second time, for the "Woman of the Year" award given by the *Journal Record*, a business publication in Oklahoma City. The award recognizes "excellence in business and community involvements," and as the Sweet Briar community knows, Elaine has a remarkable record of contributions to civic, educational and philanthropic organizations as well as to her profession of the law.

Elaine grew up in a successful Oklahoma business family, helping her parents in their business of running an oil-field machine shop and developing oil products. Today, she is happy to be running her own business, as an attorney at law and president of her own law firm, E. Elaine Schuster, P.C.

Before entering the law, Elaine, a drama major at Sweet Briar, earned a Master of

Arts degree in economics and finance from the University of Oklahoma and taught economics at Southeastern State University for four years. She completed her Juris Doctor from the University of Oklahoma and started her own practice in 1982 after six years as an assistant district attorney for Oklahoma County and five years in private partnership. Elaine is admitted to practice before the Oklahoma Supreme Court, all state courts and U.S. District Courts for the Western, Eastern, and Northern Districts of Oklahoma, and the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. She also has numerous duties with the state and county bar associations: she is an elected member of the House of Delegates of the Oklahoma Bar Association and serves on various committees of the County Bar Association and its board of directors. She has been listed in *Who's Who of American Women* since 1965 and in *Who's Who of Law* since 1992.

In a life filled with volunteer commitments, the one to which Elaine devotes most time is her work with the vocational-technical school, known as Metro Tech. She was appointed to its Board of Education by the Governor of Oklahoma in 1982, the only woman member. The last member of that original board still serving, she has filled every officer's position including president, vice president, clerk, and chairman of numerous committees. In nominating Elaine as one of the "Fifty Women of the Year," the superintendent of Metro Tech described her as "an exempla-

ry representative of a dedicated citizen choosing to serve on a local board of education. Tireless, unappreciated hours of service are given with enthusiasm and unparalleled professionalism."

Elaine's many other board and committee roles include: national officer for Kappa Beta Pi Legal Association; Founding Director of the National Kidney Foundation of Oklahoma; scholarship committee of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation; president of the Oklahoma City branch of the American Association of University Women and also service on its Oklahoma Division Board and Association committees; Oklahoma County Board of Adjustment; boards of University Place Christian Church and Crown Heights Christian Church.

The citation naming Elaine as one of the top 50 Women of the Year states, "She has a lifetime commitment to the historical significance of Oklahoma's communities, institutions, and the families who helped shape Oklahoma City." A charter member of the Oklahoma County Historical Society, Elaine demonstrated her support of historic preservation by buying a 1911 building from which to run her law practice; the building is now listed on the Oklahoma Historical Society inventory of historical structures. In addition to history, Elaine's wide-ranging interests include travel, art, hiking, and photography.

Sweet Briar, along with Metro Tech, is one of the greatest beneficiaries of Elaine's wonderful spirit of volunteerism. A faithful supporter of Sweet Briar since her graduation, she served for four years on the College's Board of Directors and for eight years on the Alumnae Association Board. When her term ended in 2001, the Alumnae Board passed a resolution expressing "deepest appreciation to Elaine for the personal dedication and professional insight that have marked her long and loyal service on the board."

The nominees for Oklahoma "Woman of the Year" were honored on September 27, 2001 at a dinner held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and attended by 900 people.



Elaine Schuster

## After Devastating Losses, Susan Sudduth Hiller '66 and her Partner Succeed and Help Others

*Susan Sudduth Hiller '66 and Ann Baskette were both widowed suddenly at an early age and left with young children to raise. Together, the two managed to rebuild their lives. Meeting shortly after their husbands' deaths, they founded the first Arkansas chapter of THEOS, a grief support group for young widowed persons. Realizing that they shared the same basic values, strong religious faith, and optimistic outlook, they decided they made a good team and then started their own business, Medical Office Management Systems Inc. (MOMS Inc.) which specialized in computerizing medical clinics. They were very successful, both in raising their families, and in their business. They not only survived in the male-dominated computer field, they rose to the top of it and became consultants to corporations.*

*Now Susan and Ann have written an inspiring book about their experiences, An Odyssey from Moms to MOME Inc. It is "an encouraging account of two Godly women who turn tragedy to triumph and overcome bias and barriers in their pursuit of success in their new business and their new lives," stated R. Barry Sorrells, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon.*

*Susan and Ann are committed to helping others, especially women who have suffered some life-shattering event, inspiring them to turn their lives around and develop their skills and confidence in the business world. Anyone who has had similar experiences and would like to contact Susan is welcome to e-mail her at the following address: susan@momsvalley.com. Susan and Ann are doing a series of speeches and workshops and have already spoken to groups such as women's church circles, select clients of Merrill Lynch, businesswomen. Their talks can be aimed at the grieving (not just through death), the inspirational (either faith-based or goal achievement) and the business sectors.*

*For more information about the book, see their website, [www.MOMSvalley.com](http://www.MOMSvalley.com) The book can be ordered from the Sweet Briar Book Shop (by telephone, 800-381-6106; fax (434-381-6437) or e-mail (bookshop@sbc.edu)*

*Following is Susan's own account of events:*



### Susan's Story

Near midnight after an especially enjoyable evening spent with friends, my husband admitted that he was experiencing a headache that was becoming increasingly severe. The complexity of his complaint became glaringly obvious when he, a physician himself, called the emergency room and asked that the neurosurgeon on duty be called to meet us there. Even in severe pain, his diagnostic skills predicted correctly. Before we could reach the hospital, he was incoherent, then unconscious. Two days later life support was removed.

Do right; study hard; be diligent. Everything in life will work out fine, just the way I plan it. How naïve I was to believe this, even well into my thirties. Understandable, though, considering the fact that through my youth and early adulthood, it happened that way. It took this devastating event to make me realize that life could be thrown completely off course within a matter of minutes and that it was completely out of my control.

Money was neither scarce nor plentiful in our home, but priorities were on target. Dad was a college professor, and Mother, as is termed these days, a stay-at-home mom. Even though professors don't make huge salaries, we still had a lovely home and new cars every few years. No country club memberships, but they spared no expense when it came to education for both my brother and me. Academic and athletic success came our way as we attended schools that reflected the ideals and goals that were expressed in our home. We felt loved, encouraged, and challenged.

Rarely did I play a basketball game or tennis match without being able to look among the spectators and find my Mom and Dad. As a tennis tournament would progress, my normally non-superstitious father would take exactly the same route to the courts or wear the same shirt, not to be washed, until I was defeated or victorious. During one, he picked up a tiny twig during the first round, saved it and diligently brought it to each match. I won.

Security, happiness, success, love describe not only my youth but also my academic years. During the years spent at Sweet Briar College, I did gain a wealth of knowledge. More importantly I was taught

to think, to appreciate, to express, and to discern—as art, science, music, nature, athletics, literature, history, philosophy blended against a background of friendships, which are held dear to this day. The one blemish occurred during freshman summer, when my father died suddenly. Bound by love, our family rallied, and, besides, parents are supposed to predecease their children, aren't they? My mind told me that, but my heart missed him.

Typical of the sixties was the tradition of marriage immediately following college graduation. Was I ever still on track as my love and I were wed within three months! Frank and I had dated since the eighth grade, when we had to be escorted to dances or parties by his mother until he was old enough to drive. Thus, our union was no surprise to anyone. From intense admiration of our physician grandfather, Daddy Doc, I had had a desire for a long time either to become a doctor or to marry one, and these choices seemed mutually exclusive at that time in my life. One month after our marriage Frank entered medical school.

Although the work was arduous, he persevered and became a Doctor of Medicine, ready for the internship, military experience, and residency that lay ahead. During these years I undertook a variety of seemingly unrelated positions of employment. Biochemical research, computer programming and systems design, medical office management—all were fascinating but very different. We moved a lot, even once a year for a while, but ended up in Little Rock for his orthopedic residency and subsequent acceptance into an established practice. Right on target!

Evidently, about the only thing missing from our "perfect" life was a child. Our ultimate blessing arrived in the form of our precious daughter, not only somewhat on schedule, but exactly on schedule, on my mother's birthday! The man who at one point in his youth thought that he didn't want to have children was hopelessly captivated by this bundle. "If I don't miss my guess, that is one smart cookie." She is.

There still seemed to be no reason to believe that my life would not continue on track, just as I had wanted it to be, with everything in place. As with almost all



**Susan Sudduth Hiller '66**

marriages, we had had some temporary difficulties, but even those had been overcome successfully. Here I was, well educated, the mother of a beautiful daughter and wife to a successful doctor. Then—with no warning, not even a foreshadowing hint—the excruciating headache came, killing my husband and devastating my world.

Our book, *An Odyssey: from Moms to MOMS, Inc.*, picks up at this point. My business partner and co-author, Ann Baskette and I met in the fall of that same year, 1980. Her husband had died unexpectedly four months after mine. Thus we both had suddenly become not only widows but also single *moms*. Our story tells of our first establishing a local chapter of a widowed-persons' support group, THEOS. [As an aside: this chapter is still in existence, and we were recently asked to speak for a regional meeting of this group.] Realizing that we could work well together, we decided to go into business together.

From a single idea we established our corporation, Medical Office Management Systems, Inc. [*MOMS, Inc.*] which specialized in computerizing medical clinics. During the following nineteen years we expanded not only one client at a time but

also through a series of company acquisitions. Eventually we had clients in many states, from Colorado and Arizona, eastward through Kentucky and Tennessee. The book fills in the details.

Throughout this, we still were *moms*. My daughter Penn, almost five when her father died, was [and still is] the joy of my life. She and I were a tiny but happy family during those years. She excelled and made me truly proud. I tried not to smother her but enjoyed many activities with her, including scuba diving and several mission trips to Haiti. The year that she entered Dartmouth turned out to be one of the busiest for our company. It was fortunate that I needed to travel quite a bit that year.

Just as I was adapting to the "empty nest," my life took another turn. One evening an acquaintance, whose late wife I had known well, called and invited me to attend a symphony performance. We married five years ago, just one month before Penn graduated from college. Now my family consists of five children, four children-in-law, and four grandchildren. Not long after this Spotlight article appears, my daughter will have delivered her first baby. We are thrilled that it will be a girl since my own mother, soon to be ninety-two, is in good health and lives nearby. What a time it will be when the four of us are together!

After selling our business, Ann and I were employed for several months but were happy when that arrangement came to an end. Since then, we felt truly called to write this book. Thus, we did. Now it is important for us to help distribute it to people, women especially, who have found their lives suddenly shattered by some life-changing event. We want to share the story of how, with the help of our family, friends and faith, we were able to turn our shattered lives into successful ones.

# class notes

## 1930

A phone call from the son of **Sarah DeSaussure Heath** assured the Alumnae Office that Sarah is alive and well at age 93.

## 1933

**Mary Nelson Neville Sieman** writes to thank the College for the centennial video, and sends best wishes to all. She spent one year at SBC, 1929-30, then returned to the west and graduated from Missouri University in 1933 with a BFA degree. Mary Nelson returned to Sweet Briar for her SBC class's 55th Reunion, for which she was the fund-raiser and scrapbook chair.

## 1934

**Secretary: Martha Lou Lemmon Stohlmeyer**  
**Fund Agent: Elizabeth Bond Wood**

**Jane Morrison Moore** was with us at SBC only two years but remains one of our most faithful correspondents. She and I recently turned 88, with those clever cards such as hers that showed friends "raising their glasses". Inside, of course, were Granny's specs. Huh! I still drink Dubonnet, don't you?

Like Jane, **Helen Hanson Bamford** entertains regiments of posterity. On the side, she still manages her farm and keeps saying she doesn't want to go to a retirement community. But **Anne Corbitt Little**, finally tired of caring for house and yard, has applied to one in Atlanta.

The only trip abroad reported was by **Elizabeth Mayfield Roughton**. On their European cruise she was able to speak German with the staff. "Remember Miss Huber?" she asks. You bet! Never wore a coat, no matter what the weather. Thought she was in the South.

**Priscilla Mullen Gowen's** note, first I've had, was a pleasant surprise. She attends historical groups and exercise classes, admits to a mite of arthritis and, "Guess what! Old age." Her sister Evelyn Mullen '31, lives in Guardian Care there in Roanoke Rapids, NC.

**Tinka Strauss Solmssen** still cherishes memories of her single year at SBC. We are not far apart but a lot of traffic lies between us and we have not met since their move to Meadow Lakes in NJ. **Connie Burwell White's** husband, like Tinka's, is somewhat dis-

abled. Connie says that growing flowers now displaces fly-fishing for her.

**Ruth Myers Pleasants** rejoices in much family, unto the fourth generation. She's seen **Lib Scheuer Maxwell** recently and says that a column in the *NYTimes* about her grandsons Ted and Matthew Lee ran a moving account of a visit to their grandfather's grave in Madeira. (He died of a heart attack while vacationing there).

**Marjorie Van Evera Lovelace** wrote from their retirement home in St. Louis, recalling the thrill in 1931 of getting Kansas City on Mary Jane Hayden's radio. They burst in on Dee Taylor and me at 2:00 am with the marvelous news and we went right down to hear it. Hardly anyone had radios then.

**Mary Moore Rowe** finds that "life is meager right now". Her husband Carter died June 25th following a fall and a stroke. Many of us know the truth of her statement. Her address is 1108 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

My daughter Suzanne, ex '72, who doesn't mind traveling with Mother, had to nurse a stricken mate (better now), so I haven't been anywhere except Kennebunkport and, like Marj and Pris, visited SBC in April. We were all bowled over by a campus even lovelier than it was in the 1930s. Gardens have expanded and lawns, as far as the eye could see, looked like golf greens. By now no one is left on campus whom we knew but the welcomes are as heartwarming as if we were still part of the family. Hey, we are!

## 1940

**Secretary: Ruth Mealand Schwartz**

So much has transpired since we last met in our official news column last year, in our excellent Alumnae magazine!

Your postcard responses are becoming fewer: there are about 85 class members from whom news can be received. However, that means that about 50% of all those who attended SBC in the class of 1940 are still to be counted. Some of you have retired but are still able to live active lives, while some others find retirement years are quiet and dull. Many are downsizing and moving into smaller homes or retirement community quarters.

One such classmate is **Jane Bush Long**, who after 47 years in one home finally sold it and moved on October 1st into a condominium, but still in Augusta, CA. Jane visits her sister, **Mariana Bush King** and her husband in Florida. She also saw **Marion Coles**

**Phinizy Jones** from Pasadena, CA and her sister, Logan, when they were in Augusta for their younger sister's funeral. All of them still look the same!

Another down-sizer is **Georgia Herbert Hart**, who is packing up to move in January 2002 to another address in W. Columbia, SC. Georgia urges us all to express our confidence in our President and our country now as we proceed to be "One Nation Under God". In another year, after settling into her new home, she wants to go on an SBC trip.

**Elizabeth (Ivy) Ivins Haskins** is already living in a smaller home, a very nice retirement home in Westwood, MA, in a city in which they had lived 40 years before. She is still active in garden club, Colonial Dames, MFA and Chilton Club lectures.

Three classmates who are no longer with us, are listed in this magazine's obituary section, namely **Ruth Collins Henry** who died from strokes, in February 2001; **Ann Adamson Taylor** from emphysema also in 2001; and **Jane Baker Grant** in August 2001.

**Agnes Spencer Burke** of NW Washington DC says that she has now invested in her future—an apartment in a very nifty (quote) retirement community, in Charlottesville, VA, called Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge. She is not yet ready to leave her DC home, but the apartment is ready for her when she is. A daughter, Aggie Rives lives nearby in Keswick, VA and her son, Jack and his wife and daughter are also on the East Coast now. This granddaughter is now at American University. Jack commutes between California and Alexandria, VA, where he and his family have bought a house now and Aggie hopes they will stay there! She is trying to get another daughter, Elizabeth, to move out of Grosse Pointe, MI, and join them out East.

Richard Soaper returned the postcard for his mother, **Katherine Hodge Soaper**, saying that she is no longer able to walk or talk, due to a series of strokes. He lives in Louisville, KY, though Katherine is in a nursing home in IN.

One of our most active members is **Adelaide (Polly) Boze Glascock**, who still travels to our beautiful campus. Polly also attended Ann Adamson Taylor's funeral, where she met up with **Emory Gill Williams** and **Clara Call Frazier**, as it was held in Richmond, VA, where all three live. Evidently Polly missed seeing **Mary Miller (Naquin) Sharp** and **Maria (Phoopy) Burroughs Livingston**, who came from Baltimore, MD and Hudson, NY for it. Polly continues to tell of friends and family

being invited to Emory's daughter, Dabney Williams McCoy's home afterwards. Emory is Sally Adamson Taylor's ('70) god-mother while Ann was Dabney's. Polly, with Jim and their son, had a trip to London in the spring, this being a special treat to have their son with them, to join them visiting friends in London. Back home, Polly was then able to drive over to SBC for the April 21st Centennial Celebration, to hear an outstanding speaker, Sally Ride, the astronaut. Polly was impressed by our President Elisabeth (Betsy) Muhlenfeld, whose article in a 2001 *Richmond Times-Dispatch* answered questions as to how students can make better college choices by touring the campuses desired, to learn about the educational and intellectual life on each one. It was a scholarly and objectively written article, making both Polly and me very proud.

Polly has really been a godsend when it comes to sending me up-to-date articles about our classmates. One such recent article was about **Helen Anderson Bryan's** being presented a certificate of appreciation by the U of TN at Chattanooga's music department in recognition of her efforts to increase music education. Helen is the founder of the Chattanooga Education in Musical Arts Association and organized the first teacher training course in the Kodaly Method of Music Education. The Kodaly Method stresses singing, music reading, folk, and art music for elementary schoolchildren.

Another article sent in by Polly was about **Mary Lee Settle (Tazewell's)** newest book, *I, Roger Williams*, a biography written as a historical novel of this first settler of Rhode Island, who espoused the separation of church and state. Mary Lee has authored a National Book Award winner titled *Blood Tie*, and has proven to be a recognized historical novelist.

Polly was actually able to see **Carrington (Connie) Lancaster Pasco** and Merrill, in Richmond after the Pascos had spent the month of August at their retreat. Polly also sees **Clara Call Frazier** and **Emory Gill Williams**, both of Richmond, VA from time to time and keeps up with **Mildred Moon Montague** of Lookout Mountain, TN by US Mail. She wishes she could also see Mildred.

**Clara Sasscer Chandler** writes from Chevy Chase, MD that husband Harrison just became 90! They are both surviving (quote) as they each have health problems and can no longer travel. She loves to read our class news notes, though.

**Cynthia Noland Young** is another excellent news up-dater, writing that

she sat next to **Adelaide (Polly) Boze Glascock** at Sally Ride's stunning (quote) presentation on April 21, 2001. Cynthia's twin daughters, Mary and Lucy, accompanied her. Lucy is a pilot-captain with US Airways. A photo of Cynthia and Polly was enclosed and I really recognized them—they both looked wonderful even with a lighter color in their hair. After our SBC Centennial Celebration Cynthia and her twins joined relatives near Richmond for a mini-family reunion. She also keeps in touch with Patty Moncure Drewry ('39) who in turn says she plays bridge with **Clara Call Frazier** once a month. But Cynthia's big news was about Karl and her having in July 2001 a gathering of all six kids at the Youngs' residence in Southport, NC, when son Douglas and his family came from Boulder, CO. Otherwise Cynthia is publicity chairman for her town's Friends of the Library. She now has to conquer the library's computers to make posters for their five meetings this year.

**Margaret (Maggie) Dowell Kearney** doesn't let her sight problems of macular degeneration keep her at home in McLean, VA all of the time. She likes to visit one of her sons in Florida and his family and did so in October 2001.

**Evelyn Williams Turnbull** has lived in Charlottesville for several years. She has now retired from her UVA job but finds life becoming quiet and dull, except when she gets together with Elizabeth Scott, a year or so ahead of her at SBC.

**Jean Tyree Oseth** still lives in the old town section of Alexandria, VA and after being with Ruth Collins Henry when Ruthie passed away in February 2001, she took a trip the next month to the Mediterranean coast, taking her daughters and their husbands to see the Pyrenees and fabulous Carcassonne. At home she is still working on the archives at the Colonial Dames, and hopes to get them restored by the end of her term. There are other historical projects she is involved in along with being on a city board on preservation—and that is now an uphill battle against development!

In Baltimore, MD, **Mary Miller (Naquin) Sharp** is still hanging in there as VP of the World's Federation of Friends of Museums and President of the US Federation of Museums. A search for a new President is still ON!

**Hortense Powell Cooper** might consider moving into a retirement complex near her sister's, if it weren't such a chore to move. Her life continues well and she is happy so far in her home of many years in Shelbyville, TN. Her three sons live not too far from her in the Nashville area.

On the complete opposite side of the USA lives **Martha Janney Smith McGowan** in Rialto, CA with husband. They travel annually to visit their daughters and families in Orlando, FL

and also in Garden Valley, CA. Right now she is a prejudiced great-grandmother to 16 month old Ethan. He is quite a talker but at 6 months was taught baby sign-language, so that now he is quite versatile with both his hands and his mouth.

Back into the central part of our country lives **Rosemary Bjorge Johnson** in Madison, WI where she has become involved in more things than she can handle (quote). She enjoys a literature class and the symphony along with a senior-type exercise class. Having family spread around the country, in 2001 Rosemary gathered all of them, minus one granddaughter, for a week in her beloved Black Hills in SD. One granddaughter is at Amherst College, and another is at Williams. A daughter and a son live in Minneapolis while her 3rd and eldest, Susie, lives the single career life in Denver.

A card was sent to me from SBC with news from **Helen Cornwell Jones** in Hightstown, NJ of her and Homer's son, a Presbyterian minister, taking a trip to Oberammergau in June 2000, while Homer led a Princeton Seminary group of all religious faiths on a trip to the Dead Sea and Jerusalem in August of the same year. A card from **Clara Call Frazier** relates that October was a nightmare for their family because her daughter and granddaughter were in a terrible accident in California. The granddaughter is all right but their daughter was critically injured; she was unconscious for a week but has now left rehab and is expected to recover. We are thankful for that hopeful prognosis.

Laurence and I have had a wonderfully busy year up until now. There were trips to Orlando, FL twice in the Spring, once to meet English friends who brought their son and his family of grandchildren over here; the second time, a month later, to attend the high school graduation of a grandson, who won several honors as well as a full tuition scholarship at the U of FL/Gainesville for their Architectural school (the College of William and Mary did not offer Architecture). Then four or five small family and/or close friends' luncheons or cookouts were held to help Laurence celebrate his 90th on September 4th. It was fun to be together with smaller and closer-knit groups; and all turned out wonderfully except one, which had to be cancelled due to not only Ruth's surprise of being told that she should have major surgery to remove a cancerous tumor in her colon while in its early stage, as well as the insecurity of changing flights to and from a family home in Eastern-Central New York State and our home in Cleveland OH all because of the horrendous tragedy of 9-11.

**Mildred Moon Montague**'s "Better Late than Never" postal tells of son Ricky having bicycled across France from the Belgian border to the Spanish

border. His mother in law, artist Jane Williams Bradley, followed Rick on his journey, painting as he went along. Mildred has purchased **Mary Lee Settle (Tazewell)**'s book about Roger Williams and is most impressed with Mary Lee's research.

An addenda note from **Cynthia Noland Young** said that daughter Lucy Young was home in Smithport, NC to help her parents celebrate their 60th over October 4th with other family members. Last April, Karl and Cynthia cruised to Nassau with her sister and brother in law. The "Royal Empress" left from Wilmington, NC and sailed down the Cape Fear River right past the Youngs' home.

**Blair Bunting Both**'s card says she can't imagine how this got buried on her desk. "However, we are fine (glad to say). Rich is still at Longwood Gardens and I'm at Del. Hospice. The Centennial Celebration at SBC was wonderful—especially having Doris Kearns Goodwin as a speaker—also Kenneth Starr (the latter couldn't hold a candle to her!). It was great to have Emory Gill Williams and her husband there! The campus looked beautiful and food was excellent. We've just returned from Wilson, NC visiting daughter Blair who is interim at St. Timothy's church.

We are all now looking forward to a better 2002 and I do hope news from you will continue to come in. Your Secretary will in turn keep you informed of any special news in between the postal-card mailings.

## 1943

**President: Clare Eager Matthai  
Secretary: Catherine Parker Silverman**

Again many thanks to all of you who contributed to this column of 43 class notes, a total of 12 responses, somewhat less than last year.

**Brooks Barnes**, a faithful contributor, celebrated her 80th birthday in an unusual way. Her "good family" gave her a "work for Aunt Brooks day"—lunch and dinner for about 35 of us who cleaned windows, the garage, cleared away brush and burned it, raked and patched the driveway, built cellar steps, etc." What a wonderful birthday! She says it was great for her and everyone had such a wonderful time doing it. Brooks is still living in her old family house over Plymouth Harbor. Sounds beautiful—why move? Otherwise she is fortunate in having good health, keeps busy with church, bridge, rug making, family, and keeping up with the house. Doesn't travel much because of her 15-year-old dog.

She also mentioned that she had heard from **Weezie Woodruff Angst** who called her from Delray Beach, FL where she is enjoying life in a nice assisted living apartment.

**Dode Cheatham James** describes a "fabulous" trip in June of this year

when she visited a friend on her estate in Tuscany—three gardeners and 2000 rose bushes. They painted watercolors in the garden then toured the countryside in between painting sessions. "Fabulous place—since then dullsville!"

**Esther Jett Holland**'s card was full of news. She says she's "hanging in there" despite a right hip replacement. She's also expecting to move to a retirement center in Suffolk due for completion in June 2002. She also writes that **Byrd Smith Hunter** and husband Henry have just moved to a lovely apartment in Norfolk's (VA) West Ghent section "where we all grew up". Everything is on the first floor which makes it easier. She also received a call from **Brac Preston** and had a long conversation "catching up" which was fun. She expects to see **Kitty Dear** and Byrd at her Colonial Dames meeting in October. Also **Lucy Kiker Jones** and she usually see each other on the beach at Virginia Beach in the summer-time.

**Caroline Miller McClintock** writes that she talks with Esther now and then and says what a wonderful friend and roommate (every reunion) she has been for over 60 years through good times and bad. She writes that she and her husband are thankful for their good health and hope to visit the SBC campus again and is so proud of the "wonderful things that are going on there and the fine young women Sweet Briar has turned out".

**Anne McJunkin Briber** writes from Cypress Village, a retirement community in Florida which is two miles from the Mayo Clinic, that they love being there. Their daughter, Anne, lives in Washington, DC and son Frank and family live in Fryeburg, ME. Both grandchildren are working on their masters' degrees, one in civil engineering, and the other in law.

**Virginia White Brinton** and her husband were the only ones in our class to attend the meeting of the SBC Alumnae Council events of September 21 and they found it very stimulating. After the Founder's Day ceremony at Monument Hill, they attended a lovely outdoor picnic supper where they ate with Dick and Blair Bunting. A highlight was Doris Kearns Goodwin's brilliant talk after receiving an honorary doctorate that night. Goodwin's talk was on the web that week.

This last summer, on a trip to Maine to celebrate my high school class reunion, which we do every year, I contacted **Nancy Pingree Drake (Ping)** but because of various other commitments we could not get together. She sounded well on the phone and since then has written. Busy on many projects as usual she mentioned one in particular. A retirement house has appeared in the immediate area, in Scarborough, near Prouts Neck, overlooking the ocean. She has served on the Board through all three stages of

independent living to third stage healthcare and her husband was treasurer at the time of his death. Her 13 grandchildren are at colleges spread from Maine to Virginia, from Pennsylvania to Philadelphia to one outside Florence studying art and photography at the moment. As she notes, she's not looking for things to do.

I've heard from **Anne Mitchell** who is busy gardening and taking care of a huge house and visiting her four daughters scattered throughout the country.

**Chesley Johnson Arnurius** in Tennessee has cut back somewhat on some of her athletic activities and is still active in community activities as well.

**Clare Matthai** writes that she has had a beautiful summer in Utica with more golf and more flowers, and less mosquitoes and housework. She has started a new senior term at the nearby state university, begun her 50th year in "The Bridge Club", works at church and still serves on one board (a small retirement community).

**Primrose Johnston Craven** writes of a mini-reunion with **Betty Schmeisser Nelson** in May and says they are both looking forward to and planning to attend the 60th reunion in May 2003.

As for me I have two daughters and three young grandsons who live nearby whom I see quite often. I'm on the board of the Princeton Research Forum and am trying to master the computer so I can work on a book I have in mind—slow going!

**Beth Dichman Smith** keeps me apprised of Princeton doings and I see her quite often.

Please do write. This column will appear in the Spring issue, quite an improvement over one year so that future columns should be more timely.

## 1946

**Secretary: Polly Vandeventer**

**Saunders**

**Fund Agent: Cholly Jones Bendall**

Greetings! **Bea Dingwell Loos** writes that Cholly Jones Bendall will be our Fund Agent. Thank you for that Cholly. Bea and Dick were scheduled to fly to Italy September 12th but the flight never got off the ground. She says it was just as well because Dick had heart surgery in November. And her youngest daughter is expecting her 3rd. She loved the 55th reunion even if there were only 11 there. They had a nice visit with the Hewsons on Merritt Island in Florida.

The Hewsons-Betsy and Tom—have left their beloved Merritt Island for an idyllic retirement home in Vero Beach, Florida. (It sounds like they have left one paradise for another.) They are being happily spoiled—they eat like royalty, have options of sports (they swim every morning in an Olympic size pool), and play tennis with active

groups. And best of all—they have met the "greatest group of people".

**Polly Pollard Kline** and Bob recently spent a weekend in Charlottesville working on a committee for an alternative to capital punishment—"a powerful two days". She spent a weekend with **Cholly Jones Bendall** on campus in June as guests of **Adelaide Hapala**. She also had their annual reunion at Sand Bridge with 40-some relatives. "That was powerful too!"

Cholly writes from Yanceyville, NC. that she has finally retired from the Yanceyville library! She regrets that she didn't apply 25 years ago. She recently invested in a riding mower and that helps with the acres of grass. Her 9 month old gives her great pleasure.

**Mary Upshur Pike** and husband Sandy have had different kinds of vacations for the last five years. Mary's mother was a French Huguenot whose last name was Leroy. In 1996 they found there were 14 towns in the US named Leroy and they set about to visit all of them. The last one they visited was in Michigan in September 2001. "It was an eye opener". They met some interesting people and it was fun. (Mary, what a way to your roots and what a way to learn your geography. Write a book!)

Another traveler is **Margo Sibley Lewis**. Their most recent and most interesting trip was from Prague up the Elbe River then to Warsaw and Krakow.

Another traveler is **Sally Bubb Bruch**. They recently returned from a cruise with friends on their 155 ft. yacht to the southern coast of Turkey and various Greek islands. Where does one find friends like that? "We are both arthritic but manage to toddle around". They manage toddling very well!

**Pat Grosbeck Gordon** writes from California that her husband Ralph died November 28th, 2000. Our love and sympathy to you, Pat. She mentioned that her oldest granddaughter won a scholarship to Harvard and her grandson is taking his junior year abroad in Florence, Italy. "So two of them are launched". She closes by commenting on the terrible September 11th events. "This has taken such a toll that I can't imagine much of our interest being of importance at this juncture".

**Helen Graell Ellerman** and her husband Ray own "Candle Ray", a gift shop (mostly candles) north of Harrisonburg, VA. They have been at it since 1968 when Helen insisted he have a hobby and over the years what was his livelihood (teaching piano) has become his hobby. The international guild of Candle Artisans has 900 members. The guild recently honored Helen and Ray for their service. Congratulations! Anyone in the neighborhood of Harrisonburg look for Harmony Square, P.S. They make candles in all shapes and sizes—among them in the shapes of baby bottles, dinosaurs, and ducks!

**Candy Greene Satterfield**'s comments seem to say it all for us. "Since the tragedies caused by the terrorists on September 11th, my life seems filled with tears, CNN, and church". What she called a minor occurrence involves a leaking toilet, which resulted in the living room ceiling collapsing, buckled living room floors, and everything needing replacement in the kitchen. She took it all in her stride.

**Helen Murchison Lane** called about a month ago with her family news. The one bit I did remember was about her twin granddaughters who have been selected by several colleges. The one they both chose was Colby College in Maine. Before checking into Colby they requested permission to walk part of the Appalachian Trail. (A little bit of grandmother Murch showing up?)

**Ade Jones Voorhees** writes of their good time at the 55th reunion. The people participating were the "tenacious eleven". Here's the lineup:

**Dingwell, Fellner, Graeff, Hill, Cholly Jones, Love, Murchison, Myer, Pollard, and Smart**. Ade called it a "memorable cohesive time". **Leila Fellner Lenagh**'s daughter and two granddaughters were aboard along with Bass' (Betty Ann Bass Norris) son David. **Jean Love Albert** entertained the crowd at all of her fun suppers at the farm. Ade entertained six grandchildren separately then went to Bermuda to recuperate!

**Joan Morse Gordon** is doing just fine! Her first book, "The Road Taken: A Journey in Time down Pennsylvania Route 45" will be published by the Local History Co. in December. She has moved to smaller quarters in Oakland, the heart of Pittsburgh's university and museums. She is in touch with **Pat Thompson Bennett** in Daytona Beach, FL. where she has given a few Elder Hostel classes in American Lit.

I have just heard from **Ellen Robbins Red** that her husband David died October 3rd. He had retired from teaching architecture at the University of Houston and spent his last year painting, writing stories, and poetry. Ellen's interests in environmental problems, bird watching, and computer will help her so much. Love to you from your devoted SBC classmates.

**Wheats Young Call** and I both live in Newport News. We see each other frequently so she never responds to my card! She looks great and still plays a mean game of tennis.

I have just received a card announcing the death of our classmate **Juliette "Bambi" Rollins**. Have any of you kept in touch with Bambi? I am sorry not to have more information. All of our best to her family.

**Leila Fellner Lenagh** had plans to fly to Utah to visit her daughter Jess and her two girls. She will fly to New Zealand to visit daughter Zoe and her family for Christmas. Leila wonders if we felt anything like this menace from

'41-'46. "No, we were so sheltered, so innocent. Pray for peace and atonement."

I am "doing fine" except for weak legs. I remember Bob saying, "The legs are the first to go!" I thought he was talking about great big football players, not dainty housewives! I have a precious dog named Scottie. He is half Scottie and half Schnauzer and a delight. He follows me all over the house and I love it! On to the current situation! Never again will I look at the American flag without a deeper understanding of what it represents. My best to you all. Stay well and safe. Polly.

## 1949

**President: Fritzie Duncombe Millard**

**Secretary: Catherine "Bunny" Barnett**

**Fund Agents: Mr. Walter H. Brown**  
**Mary Fran Brown Ballard**

It's springtime as you read these words, which I'm writing in mid-October. I can't imagine where our world will be six months from now, and can only pray that it is once again a hopeful season, as spring should be.

We were all shaken last fall, by domestic and world events beyond our comprehension. We all remember where we were on September 11th, and always will. Several classmates found themselves marooned here and there, but none that I know of suffered injuries or close personal losses.

**Preston Hodges Hill**, departing from Denver for Boston, had to retrieve her bags and wend her way home, missing her planned meeting with Gene, while he got to stay longer with son Gene and family. Preston's medical report was good, six months after her backbone fusion; and Gene had a change in his medication, but continues successfully with his twelve-year fight against cancer. Both Preston and Gene are courageous and stay active, recently coping with severe water damage to their Aspen condo. Gene observed his 75th birthday last fall. The Hills were planning Thanksgiving in Las Vegas with both daughters and families.

**Sweet Briar's Centennial Gala** Weekend last spring drew a number of us together: **Mary Fran Ballard** and Don, **Ann Eustis Weimer** and John, **Judy Easley Mak** and Dayton, **Sarah Gay Lanford**, **Kitty Hart Belew**, **Mag Towers Talman**, **Betty Wellford Bennett**, Walter and I had a table together for dinner, and later watched the fireworks from the fine vantage point of our "Wings" courtyard.

In September, quite a few attended Alumnae Council: **Kitty Hart Belew**, **Mag Towers Talman**, **Mary Fran Ballard** and Don, and **Judy Baldwin Waxter** and Bill. They were unanimous in their enthusiasm for the program and speakers.

Sadly, we've lost several classmates since my last writing: **Mary Virginia Grigsby Mallett**, **Sally Searle**

**Clarke, Zola Garrison Ware, and Cornelia Sadowsky Niemann** have died, and we send our sincere condolences to their families. We are also saddened to hear of the death, November 29, of our classmate **Joyce Smith White**. **Sarah Gay Lanford** went to Connecticut to visit with Joyce in October. We send our sympathy to her family and friends. This is a reminder, says Mary Fran, that something is lost forever if we don't see each other at every possible opportunity—so plan to come to our mini-reunion this fall!

We also send our sympathy to **Mimi Powell Leonard**, who lost her dear Russell in August. Mimi was appearing in a hit show, "Lost", an original production about the South Cumberland Plateau which toured the area and was in Chattanooga when Russell died. Since there was no understudy, brave Mimi had to give one last performance, despite her grief.

**Sally Melcher Jarvis** received sympathetic phone calls from overseas friends after the WTC disaster (as did Walter and I, and others of you, I am sure). Sally and John were off to France early in October, which must have been interesting.

**Jackie Jacobs Leffers** was en route home from a trip to Tibet and China on September 11th and was marooned at her last stop, which was Bali! Her group of twelve had an extra week in a beach-front hotel, with news only from a German TV station. A translator was found, Jackie says, and she was thankful to finally get back on native soil!

**Judy Easley Mak** and Dayton had a summer's week in Chautauqua visiting Holly, Marc, and their teenagers, then their usual two weeks in February and March on Sanibel and Sea Island. Dayton had booked a week in Paris, but cancelled after the attack in NYC.

**Kitty Hart Belew** enjoyed Fall Alumnae Council on campus with **Polly Mackie, Mary Fran Ballard** and Don, **Judy Waxter** and Bill, and **Margaret Talman**. Then she and Mag went to Winston-Salem to the Southern Decorative Arts Museum and other points of interest. Mag, of course, was recovered from last summer's trip to China with **Alice Trout Hagan** and **Patsy Davin Robinson**—from which they all had a lot of recovering to do, I hear! Margaret also says the Richmond Alumnae club has risen from the ashes, thanks to an energetic "Youth Squad", and there are more current students than they've had recently.

**Carolyn Cannady Evans** has been working as an adult outpatient counselor at a mental center near home, but by now will have moved both her home and her work to Reston, VA near her three daughters and grandchildren. She will have four bedrooms, so invites classmates visiting DC to come "B&B" with her. Before all of the travel problems, Carolyn had a wonderful trip to Italy with four of her children, a

Christmas gift to her from them. SO nice!

**June Eager Finney**, and others, emailed me a touching appeal describing the treatment of women in some of the Arab countries; it's hard to believe! June and Bill have a "brand new adorable smart, peppy Chinese granddaughter" who joins the Finneys' daughter, husband, and three older brothers! That makes eight grandchildren in total, all living nearby.

**Stevie** writes from Charleston that she has absolutely no news, but she will soon; Walter's Yale class of '45 W is planning a mini-reunion there in May, and one of the events is an evening walk on Tradd Street. I will get everyone to peek through Stevie's drawn curtains and make loud noises like obnoxious tourists.

**Frances Pope Evans** sent me to my computer to search for Columbus, Mississippi, where she has an antebellum house called the Pratt (I think) Thomas Home. She says she would love to see anyone who comes through that way, and from what I see on my computer, it must be a beautiful and historic area, with a week of garden and house tours in early April. Who would like to join me?

**Peggy Cromwell Taliaferro** went to England in October to visit her daughter and granddaughter who are both living in York for the academic year. The daughter is on sabbatical from her teaching job and will study English Lit at York University and the 15-year-old granddaughter will attend a co-ed Quaker school.

**Carter Van Deventer Slattery** had a laugh over my apparent goof in saying her daughter was attending UVA. 'Twas a "grand", of course, but you look young enough to fool anyone, Carter.

**Nancy Jones Worcester** writes that she and John were busy with a son's wedding in Arizona in April, then to Walloon Lake in June, and a 50th anniversary celebration on July 14th with a week's cruise to Bermuda with all the family, 15 altogether.

**Ellen Ramsay Clark** and Ken spent October at their condo in Destin, FL, relaxing as they overlooked the Gulf sunsets. Ellen had a total knee replacement six months before that, and is hard at rehab so she can get back on the golf course by this spring. One of the Clarks' daughters-in-law is fully recovered from breast cancer, a great relief to all.

**Fritzie Duncombe Millard**, our once and future President, regrets that she will not be able to come to our class mini on campus in 2002, since she's making the 55th her main thrust. She's still happy in her retirement community, and is not on the (guess!) Hospitality Committee! I hope her constituency is ready for action!

I had a nice card from Alice and Patsy as they embarked on the trip to China, postmarked San Francisco and a picture of a Florida alligator! A later

card apparently got stuck to some of Tour Leader Ninie Laing's and ended up at a sanctuary for swans in Warrenton. A man who runs the "Swans of Airlie", which sounds like another interesting place to visit, mailed it to me in an envelope.

**Flip Eustis** says she and John are in good health, ready to plan our 2002 mini (another plug for this gathering which we hope will have a good attendance). **Ann and Jean Taylor** went on a New England pilgrimage to Mt. Desert Island, and later, in February and March, Ann and her sisters-in-law were to go to Antarctica.

**Caroline Casey Lindemann's** card would fill this page. First, a correction about **Ann Dear Jones** who lives in Bon Harbors, Lottsburg, VA (not Florida, not Bar Harbor). The Lindemanns were on a Baltic cruise when the NYC disaster occurred, and had a nephew who escaped from the second tower 40th floor at the last minute! Caroline and Bohn marked their second anniversary October 9th. At 84, Bohn still volunteers in a clothing center for the homeless, plays golf regularly, and of course travels with Caroline, who says they are so happy together!

I'm pleased to tell you that we've added another brick to our courtyard, with the name Marie Brede on it. She is **Mary Fran Brown Ballard's** mother, who generously supported our reunion project and deserves recognition and thanks. In October, she celebrated her 101st birthday, so this was our gift to her!

**Larry Lawrence Simmons** emails me that travel was easy and safe after the September 11th events. She and Charles have been to Ohio and to Las Vegas soon after, planned to go to their Costa Rica beach paradise in November and a cruise in February with her brother and his wife. It's been about five years since Charles had a massive cerebral hemorrhage, so the couple makes the most of every precious day.

**Sally Ayres Shroyer**, another email pal, helped celebrate the 90th birthday of Anne Pleasants Hopkins Ayres, who was assistant dean at SBC and wound up being Sally's stepmother. She is in great shape, Sally says, swims and walks a lot, is sharp as a tack, and takes Meals on Wheels to "old" people! She asked Sally to convey her very best wishes to the class of 1949!

Just before these notes went to the College, I chatted with **Ann Eustis Weimer** who had a great time at a gathering of classmates which included hostess **Jackie Jacobs Leffers**, **Jean Taylor**, **Mimi Powell Leonard**, **Patty Levi Barnett**, **Carolyn Cannady Evans**, **Debbie Carroll Conery**, and **Sally Legg De Marine**. They had good weather and good fun staying near Beaufort and seeing nearby sights and talking, talking, talking!

Walter and I got home Halloween

week (just as these notes were due!) from a quick trip to Arizona. We spent two days in Superior at meetings of the Boyce Thompson Arboretum board, then two days in Tucson to visit **Ann Henderson** and **Yorke Bannard**. Anne and Yorke have survived three surgeries this past year with flying colors, and are making plans for more travel! They've done some wonderful things inside their house, which still features a terrace overlooking the Santa Catalina Mountains—we dined by moon and candlelight, with frequent reports from Yorke on the progress of the World Series game!

## 1952

**President: Mary John Ford Gilchrist**  
**Vice President: Frances Street Smith**  
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**Benita Phinizy Johnson** wrote that she was on her way to visit the Jungle Rivers of South America and that she spent her 50th anniversary in England, France, and Spain. Her oldest son is a securities dealer, while her second son is doing pediatric oncology research at Duke University. She is still volunteering at church and at a retirement home.

**Florence "Floppy" Fitch** is enjoying her family and is kept very busy as State Vice Regent of the DAR, Honorary President of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in Texas, Chairman of the Nacogdoches-Sterne Hoya Museum House, and many other clubs.

**Martha Legg Katz** and Bill took the OEII to a family wedding in York, England and then spent ten days "eating their way through Italy with two family chefs".

**Mary Lois Miller Carroll** and Hubert had a memorable visit with Joanne and George Patton and left the morning that the NY Twin towers were hit. I know that that has profoundly affected us all. They also spent time with Grace and Brady Brown.

**Nancy Hamel Clark** was at SBC for Sally Ride's wonderful speech during the Centennial. She had two wonderful museum trips this year, to Natchez and Santa Fe. She is also tutoring in an elementary school, volunteering at the Chamber of Commerce and working at the church where she also sings in the choir.

**Anna Garst Strickland** wrote that when her husband was invited to speak at a medical conference in Pretoria, South Africa, they extended their trip and went from the Kreger National Forests to Capeland. Her children and grandchildren live in Santa Fe and near Charlottesville.

**Eulalie McFall Fenhagen** and her husband are in Washington, DC for at least a year where Jim heads up the College of Preachers, a postgraduate program center for clergy. They are living on the cathedral grounds and

Eulalie hopes that classmates visiting our Capital will call her. This is a sabbatical from retirement very much looked forward to as they lived in Washington for ten years previously.

**Brigitte Guttstadt** maintains a small private practice and travels frequently to NY. This year she went to Norway and Iceland and took the Coastal Express along the Fjords.

**Harriet Binji Elder** still loves her life in Black Mountain, NC, living in a house in the trees, hiking and contra dancing. She describes her work as soul satisfying and is now facilitating a group on personal and spiritual growth.

**Peggy Nelson Harding** and Nort have moved into a high rise retirement condominium in Arlington and she loves the freedom from housework. She enjoys her grandchildren and seeing her 15-year-old playing football and baseball "on his way to a sports career". At the time of this writing she was looking forward to a Mediterranean cruise.

**Leila Booth Morris** and Jim took their family of eleven, including grandchildren from age eight to 20 years, on a 50th anniversary Mediterranean cruise from Rome. A good time was had by all in spite of the fact that Leila's suitcase was lost for nearly the entire trip. Her son and family are still stationed in Heidelberg and her daughter and family are in Danville, VA. After reunion they hope to go on a Bermuda cruise.

**Mary Gesler Hanson** is another busy busy grandmother who meets and greets her grandchildren at the school bus every day besides working at the arts and humanities council of Montgomery County. She updates their website and helps publish a calendar of events that goes to all of the libraries, community centers, and bookstores. Her husband is now at the University of Maryland and he also heads the Maryland State Environmental Trust.

**Millie O'Neal Palmer** writes from the UK that for her and David "all is well! Ten grandchildren for Christmas—have started wrapping already."

**Ginger Dreyfus Karren** says that people should come to New York to visit as they are really hurting there and I can tell you they don't deserve it, having made a trip there myself since the September 11th disaster.

**Donna Reese Godwin** writes that she is "thrilled with President Muhlenfeld's appearance on C-span! No real news—long lung illness but has brought me many good visits from grandchildren and "children" all summer long even though they are still scattered from Arizona to Texas to St. Louis to DC. None hurt on 9/11, thank God. Sorry I couldn't get to the Alum. Conference last month. Had long planned a reunion with Ellen and Laura and spouses. What a great roster of speakers!"

**Pat Beach Thompson** writes, "Maybe we're crazy, but on Oct. 24th Calvin and I leave for Nepal, Bhutan, and Penang, an Island in Malaysia. I have been three times to Nepal and Penang but never in Bhutan. Of course, the world changes daily which could alter plans. India has already been eliminated from the itinerary. Last winter, although I did not act, I was the sound designer for seven plays, quite a heavy load. For my birthday in March, Calvin surprised me with a trip to Iceland. Wonderful country. Children and grandchildren joined us for two weeks at Wild Dunes on the Isle of Palms in South Carolina in July."

**Ann Trumbore Ream** writes that they will be wintering in Pennsylvania this year after 13 winters in Arizona. "We have another grandson now, Luke Michael Tomme, born August 2, 2001. This gives us a total of 13 grandchildren. Next year will be our 50th year together and we hope to drive to Oregon and Washington State next summer to celebrate."

**Laura Radford Goley** writes that they had house guests from England and were only able to be at the Alumnae Council for Joanne's accolade which she handled so beautifully. "Larry Sabato and Kenneth Starr the next day—all excellent! Ellen Galey Scher and husband Lou were with us! Fun! Highlight of the year: around South America in January, using Español again! Off to Malta to celebrate our 40th! Looking forward to our class 50th!"

**Pat Winks** had a sad summer. Her 88-year-old father, who had lived for a number of years in a retirement complex in Northern Virginia, suddenly became ill after a lifetime of enviable good health. "I spent the summer being bi-coastal, taking the red-eye six times. He passed away in August, and was buried at Arlington Cemetery in a beautiful military service. Now I am inundated with paperwork winding up his affairs. Fortunately I have more pleasant things going on in my life! I still work full time, and haven't figured out when, or why, I should retire. Soon I expect to resume taking quickie vacations. And I definitely plan to be on hand for our 50th."

**Sue Judd Silcox** writes: "Jack and I enjoyed a trip to Europe last winter. Spent 10 days in England with our eldest granddaughter who was there as an exchange student at Sunderland University. On to Italy for a glorious week in Rome, then on to visit friends in Florence and then to see friends in Switzerland. Other than that, we had many family visitors over the summer.

Enjoyed being back at SBC in September for the Fall Symposium, Alumnae Council meeting and helping to plan our 50th Reunion. It's very hard to believe that it was THAT long ago when we graduated! So pleased that we were also able to see Joanie receive the Distinguished Alumna Award which

she so richly deserved. Aren't we fortunate to count her among our number!

## 1955

**Co-Presidents:** **Audrey Stoddard**, **Mary Amanda McThenia Iodice**  
**Secretary:** **Frederika Merriman Naylor**  
**Co-Fund Agents:** **Anne Kilby Gilhuly**, **Rebecca Faxon Knowles**

Now that we're "over the hill", we're certainly picking up speed! We're all busy and involved: an extremely exciting group of gals! **Diane Johnson DeCamp** had a terrible summer! Her basement was flooded. She lost many books and spent months cleaning and getting things restored. Hope everything's going wonderfully now, Pansy. **Mary Boyd Murray Trussell** and **Diane Hunt Lawrence** and their husbands had a wonderful vacation together in the Bahamas. Mary Boyd wrote that both she and George had had cancer, but early diagnosis and treatment has given them excellent prognoses. **Lydia Plamp Mower** is taking botanical drawing classes and loves this new creative outlet. She also still does flower arranging. She has seen **Phyllis Herndon Brissenden** at the Opera Theatre of St. Louis, where Phyllis is on the board and both attend productions. **Joan Kells Cook** is still traveling a lot: Kauai, California, England, New England, Mexico, and a lovely cruise/tour to the Baltic countries. **Anne Williams Manchester**, **Shirley Sutliff Cooper**, and **Nancy Douthat Goss** and their spouses were in Tuscany together. Anne also had a lovely trip through Provence, Burgundy, and Alsace. She and Eli sold their house and moved into a home that's smaller—but still has plenty of space for grandchildren. **Jeanette Kennedy Hancock** had a wonderful trip to Norway, Denmark, and Sweden. She is involved with Parenting Programs in their inner school. She is grateful and happy that 5 of her 8 grandchildren live within 2 blocks. **Betty Byrne Gill Ware** had wonderful trips to China, and France and Italy. She, too, brags about grandchildren: 8 under age 6! **Dede Harrison Austin** serves as a flower arranging judge in her garden club and travels a lot in this capacity. She chaired the decorations committee for the Garden Clubs of America 2001 annual meeting at DisneyWorld. Additionally, she is on a hospital board and involved with Colonial Dames activities. She enjoys spending time with her 5 grandchildren and in her getaway home in the North Carolina mountains. **Charlotte Orr Moores** keeps busy attending various sports events and baby-sitting with her seven grandchildren. She visits her older daughter in the San Francisco area at least twice a year. Her other 3 children and their families live close by, so they are able to spend a lot of time together. **Patsy Smith Ticer** keeps extremely busy because of her important involvement in state government. She regretted not being able to take a trip last summer—just too much going on!

**Marty Hedeman Buckingham** and **Patty McClay Boggs** are both living in the same retirement community in Savannah and loving it. They enjoy seeing each other and also **Meta Space Moore** who lives nearby. Marty is busy with the Symphony Guild and an organization that supports Children's Hospital. She summered in Cape Cod and spent lots of time with her 4 children who live in Connecticut and New York. Marty also had a lovely trip to Alaska. **Renis Siner Paton** is still very busy with her estate sale and appraisal business. She relaxes by spending time at her vacation house in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware and with her 3 grandchildren. **Betty Sanford Molster** is still working at St. James's church and loving it, but she expects to stop soon. She enjoys seeing Sweet Briar friends often, as several of our classmates are in Richmond. Betty holds the record with eleven grandchildren. Two live in England, but all the others are in Richmond or northern Virginia, so she sees them often. **Kay Roberts McHaney**, who lives in Victoria, Texas, regrets the fact that there are no other SBC friends in the vicinity. She is very busy, though, serving as chairman of the board of the Victoria College and on the board of the River Authority. She is also very involved with her family newspaper business: one of the last existing family-owned daily papers. Her four children are also involved with the paper. She sees them all frequently and feels very lucky to have them—and her grandchildren—living close by. She also takes care of her 93-year-old mother, so the four generations fill her time. **Ginger Chamblin Greene** had a wonderful tour of China, playing in the American Community Band! She has recently moved from her large house into a lovely condo which she likes very much. **Ethel Green Banta** was in Seattle, Washington, visiting one of her daughters, when **Jane Feltus Welch** was performing in "Waiting to be Invited". Ethel said, "Jane was, as always, superb!" Ethel expected to see Jane in Montgomery, Alabama in a production of "Driving Miss Daisy". Jane was hoping "Waiting to be Invited" might go on to New York later. Obviously, Jane is always busy! Ethel keeps busy enjoying her 8 grandchildren and running her wonderful B&B in Natchez. She hopes all of us will visit her there. Several people commented on their high school 50th reunions. **Tinker Beard** was in charge of hers and I was on the committee to plan mine. **Joan Kells Cook** and **Amanda McThenia Iodice** both attended theirs and enjoyed them. I hope the rest of you went and had as much fun as I did at mine. Start planning now to attend our 50th! It won't be long!

# 1958

**President:** Lynn Prior Harrington  
**Secretary:** Jane Shipman Kuntz  
**Fund Agent:** Ethel Ogden Burwell

I always think that I haven't heard from many classmates until I start sorting through the cards; then I am ever-so-grateful that you all have taken the time to write!

**Edie Knapp Clark**, Beaverton, OR, has retired from teaching high school chemistry and is now spending her free time studying Spanish, volunteering at Planned Parenthood and "being more faithful about Tai Chi." Both her sons live in Oregon so she and Rog get to see them often; their grandchildren are 5-1/2 and 6. She, like every one of us, remembers where she was on September 11; the Clarks were visiting **June Berguido James** in Buffalo, NY.

From Odessa, TX, comes the message, "Same ole, same ole...lots of travel, lots of fun," from **Betty Rae Sivals Davis**. She adds that she and Paul have 5 "grandgirls" and feel very "blessed and thankful."

**Camilla Mueller Parker**, San Antonio, TX, was feted by her dear friends **Lynne Morris Barnett** and **Winifred "Windy" Winter Cocke** for her birthday (I assume her big 65). According to Windy, who had just returned from a visit with her doctor daughter in Seattle, the Parkers were going to Santa Fe, NM, to celebrate.

I believe that **Eleanor Humphreys Schnabel** is the exception to the rule, "You can't go home again." She's done it, returning to her Mississippi roots! She is now in Greenville, MS, serving as branch director of the Winterville Mounds and Museum. After finishing her MA in 2000, in Richmond, she headed south to find her fortune. Before settling she had the sad duty of taking care of her mother's affairs at the time of her death. I'm sure you all join me in sending sympathy to Eleanor. On a happier note, her daughter Liza married Jim Seltzer. Eleanor's duties include supervising a 5-person staff who are charged with "revitalizing all educational and public programs, institute and carry out an archaeological program of clearing and investigating the Indian mounds and increasing public awareness of this really important archaeological site." She has also been involved in other projects—too involved to describe—but one has been transcribing a biographical memoir manuscript written by her great grandfather concerning his youth in the Bayou Pierre, traveling the Natchez Trace, attending school in N.J. and serving at West Point; he was a brigadier general in the Civil War and served a term as Reconstruction Governor of MS, 1865-68. She is busy getting reacquainted with her cousins and relearning about life in the Delta. Liza and Jim are in Richmond and Ellie and Patrick are still "sailing through life" in Marblehead, MA.

**Langhorne "Lanny" Tuller Webster**, in Greenville, SC, is promoting membership in Sweet Briar Friends of Art. As a board member she has been on campus from time to time and attended meetings in Paris and NYC. In NYC they purchased 8 pieces of art for the Gallery. Many members of our class donated to a memorial established for **Caroline Sauls Shaw** when she died, a lovely piece of art and a fine addition to the collection. I received Lanny's card and hope others of you did too; it's a fine organization that deserves alumnae support and she'd love to hear from you. **Claire Cannon Christopher**, also on the FOA board, sent a quick note seconding Lanny's suggestion.

**Annie Laurie Lanier Samuels** is back in Shreveport, LA, after a brief career in the Netherlands and Belgium as an asset manager for real estate firm; she's now a financial advisor with Raymond James. She and husband Harvey drive to Mobile, AL, as often as possible to see their son Ben and his family who have Madeleine, 6, and Zachary, 3. She says that one of the joys of having a granddaughter is smocking clothes for her. The Samuels took Madeleine and a friend to "play in the snow" this year at Winter Park; they enjoyed skiing, sledding, building snowmen and such. The most memorable event was a 9 mile dog sled ride with one adult, one child and one driver per sled. "The day was perfect and the Rocky Mountain scenery virtually intoxicating. The drivers stopped along the trails to show the girls animal tracks and bits of nature." They capped off the trip by taking Amtrak to Denver; Harvey "has a passion for trains" and the girls had never ridden on one. They plan to do this again, including Zachary the next time.

From Black Mountain, NC, came a note penned by **Linda MacPherson Gilbert**. Linda retired from higher education administration at the Univ. of Louisville in 1995; husband Dan followed suit in 2000, retiring as President of Christian Homes of Kentucky, Inc. in December. They have always loved the mountains of western North Carolina so they have settled in their summer home that they've owned since 1984. It has been a happy retirement for both the Gilberts who do volunteer on Saturdays at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville. Their 5 children and 9 grandchildren are "scattered from coast to coast" so they stay busy keeping up with them. Linda and Dan took a wonderful trip to the Canadian Maritime Provinces in Sept. and were in Nova Scotia on Sept. 11. Linda writes that they were overwhelmed by the concern and sympathy they received from their Canadian acquaintances. Linda still has 3 older relatives in VA so she does get back occasionally.

**Ann McCullough Floyd** and Jack recently attended **Beedy Tatlow**

Ritchie's marriage to Bruce Neiner in L.A. Ann and Beedy were SBC and New York roomies. Bill Swing, **Mary Taylor Swing**'s husband who is Episcopal Bishop of Calif., performed the ceremony at All Saints Church. It was a great reunion and Ann says Beedy looks great and is so happy.

An e-mail from France arrived a few days ago from **Cornelia Long Matson**. She and Dick were just finishing up their annual 6 months sojourn. After their grapes were harvested—they have a vineyard—they drove to Barcelona and stayed at Aiguablava, on the Mediterranean. They will spend the winter in Sarasota, FL, and plan to sell their property there. The Matsons had a wing-ding 25th anniversary celebration in June; they had more than 40 friends come over from the States, from 2nd grade pals to Harvard/SBC. An additional 40 French friends joined in the festivities. The event lasted for several days and even included fireworks. Cornelia says that their 2000 wine is very good and expects the 2001 to be equally fine.

**Patty Williams Twohy** elaborated on the Matsons' celebration since she and Edward attended; she said a great time was had by all. She announced that she and **Mary Johnson Campbell** both became grandmothers again this summer. She added that **Tibby Moore Gardner** and Bill regretted the Matson party since they had just returned from a holiday in Normandy.

Next from Richmond was a note from Mary Campbell who reports that **Patty Sykes Treadwell**, Ross, CA, has recently had three family weddings. Then a card from Tibby gave additional news: she, Jane **Pinkney Hanahan** ('57), Sorrel **Mackall McElroy** ('59), Mary **Blair Scott Valentine** ('59), Jane **Ellis Covington** ('59) and **Molly Archer Payne**, all got together to celebrate the 65th birthday of a mutual friend. Later Tibby and Eleanor St. Clair Thorpe headed to San Francisco to help **Mary Taylor Swing** and Bill celebrate their 40th anniversary. Her twin grandsons William Hunter and Lawrence Tabb Gardner were one on Sept. 7, 2001. Her last piece of news is that **GINNY TYSON LAWRENCE** and Ralph will become first time grandparents in Oct.

**Dorothy "Poogie" Wyatt Shields** had her entire family at Ocracoke at an old inn. She writes that they had a "blissful time" with all her kids, grandchildren, her former husband Freddie, his wife and his sister Julie ('62). Poogie is still an active volunteer in Richmond, at her church and with children who attend its neighborhood center. Her daughter Carter participated in a "war is not the answer" march in D.C. I'm sorry to report that Poogie has Parkinson's but she says that exercise is one of her prescriptions so she enjoys working out and walking.

I had not only a card but also an e-mail from **Joan Nelson Bargamin**, Richmond. She described in detail the

tribulations of travel post-9/11/01 from Norfolk to Las Vegas and back; Joan said she wished that she had her camera to record the security measures. Joan and Paul are still in the antiques business. They travel to Florida to see son Stephen and his family; young Paul is "all over the world," so they "round him up" whenever they can. The Bargamins have been to Las Vegas a lot and are planning trips to London, Budapest and Prague. Joan says that her cancer is in remission so she is feeling well. She and **Carol McClave Duncan** are very close along with **Betty Waddell Henson**, **Ann Watkins Custard**, **Sara Galt Pollard** and **Molly Haskell**.

**Peggy Jean Fossett Lodeesen**, Bethesda, MD, continues to teach Latin full-time at Sidwell Friends School. She has a new dog named Sidwell Amanda that's thriving—a hound/shepherd mix. **Betsy Worell Gallagher** also lives in D.C.; after nearly 30 years as a development professional, she's retiring. For the last ten years Betsy was senior consultant and member of the board of directors of Marts & Lundy; she says that she will miss her business colleagues and professional friends but not the intense business travel schedule. Like so many of us, she's unsure what's next but says that she'll see more of her four children, all on the east coast, as well as six grandchildren. She and Bill will spend more time welcoming friends and family to their Blue Ridge Mountains home and she plans to play golf and travel for pleasure.

**Shirley McCallum Davis** and Gene have moved from their suburban house in Alexandria, VA, to a townhouse in Old Town; they love the convenience of restaurants and shops in the neighborhood. Shirley has just passed the 10 year mark with PBS with the primary focus on Web-based professional development; she especially enjoys working in "newly evolving areas like on-line learning" with an organization with the "high educational standards" of PBS. Both of the Davises' children are in IN, one married, one not.

**Ruth Frame Salzberg** and Bob now call Williamsburg home. They hosted a huge family reunion recently "so that all the little cousins could get to know one another." Their son and his family have moved from Canada to Detroit; their daughter, with her family, live in Stamford, CT. Bob is still glowing from the heady experience of making a hole-in-one on the Kingmill golf course, the same one where the Michelob PGA is played! Ruth worked a square for the SBC quilt; she chose hockey in honor of all the pucks she blocked as a goalie for "dear old SBC." She is also editing/rewriting a book and doing copyright searches for an author who is publishing in Oct. The Salzbergs had a great trip to Scotland, Wales and England. They especially liked seeing the "romantic places we've only read

about." She swears she got a picture of the Loch Ness monster! This trip made her realize what a relatively new country America is.

I received a write-up of an article that appeared in *New York* magazine recently about **Mimi Garrard Seawright**. It begins: "Mississippian Mimi Garrard has lived in New York for four decades and she takes her coffee black. So it is somewhat surprising that she smiles the whole time she talks about 'making dances,' her pace is un hurried, her manner relaxed and modest." It goes on to discuss her career as the director of a successful dance company that is on the cutting edge of performance. "In the 36 years since she founded her own company, she's choreographed more than 90 dances, ranging from acclaimed *Phosphores*, which used one of the earliest computer-controlled lighting, to this week's premiere of the *Players in Juxtapositions*, in which two of the four dancers sing." I'm sorry I can't tell you which issue of the magazine this was but the production was at the Kitchen and the performance was June 13-16, 2001.

Retirement is not for **Jean Lindsay de Strel**. She says that after 23 years of teaching ESL she is busier than ever. She had a glorious summer trip to Brussels, Belgium, then a visit to Quentin's family home in Tillier to see his sister and brother and respective families. She stayed with daughter Margaret who is with the *Wall Street Journal Europe*. The de Streets enjoyed traveling with Margaret, son Giles and his wife Nancy and Jean's sister Barbara Lindsay, to Scotland, via the Chunnel and Scottish RR. Jean says they had 10 marvelous days going to such spots as Aberdeen, Royal Deeside, Edinburgh and Glasgow, with lots of side trips.

A brief note from **Libby Benedict Maynard** stated that "the best event of the year was a family gathering in April on Sanibel island." They had 10 grandchildren in attendance and family members came together from Seattle, Minneapolis, Boston, Brazil and Michigan.

By the time this goes to press, **Ina Hamilton Houck** will be the grandmother of a second little boy, courtesy of son Bob and his wife Linda; they live in Boise, ID, and Ina was looking forward to a trip there to help out. She is an adjunct faculty member on the staff of McCormick Theological Seminary (Chicago) and serves as an advisor to students who enroll in the Assn. Of Chicago Theological Seminaries joint Doctor of Ministry in Preaching Program. Ina says it's an exciting new approach to preaching and that she's learning a great deal from her students.

From our neighboring nation to the north came a long and informative e-mail from **Pam Hyatt**. Perhaps you remember her in Grammer Commons, in the evenings, doing uproarious

monologues. My favorite was the little boy eating peanut butter from a knife and getting it stuck in the roof of his mouth! Pam left SBC in 1956 to pursue her goal of being a working actress by attending the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) in London. Thus began her peripatetic life that included marriage to a cameraman she met on the set of the National Film Board of Canada while making a documentary. The union produced a son, Carson Thaddeus Foster, born in 1961. By 1968, she realized that her marriage was over and, since she had been studying with a Buddhist monk—"into my hippie thing"—she took Carson away to an unnamed place and hooked up with one Todd Ward, "a Nam draft resister," a liaison that "called forth another son, Zacharias Ward." Pam's adventures are somewhat like Odysseus; she took both boys to Pireaus, in 1970, in search of her monk and wandered around Crete until Zack developed dysentery, then off to Athens for a cure. She once again hit the rails, this time for Lausanne, Switzerland, "one of my favourite towns," and then to Leysin-Fedey for a 3 week Alpine stay. She and Todd went their separate ways: "The second best gift Todd gave me was the freedom to discover who I am." All during this time Pam was performing in live and recorded TV, film and on the stage. One memorable event was a command performance for HRH Prince Phillip at the Commonwealth Conference of the Arts where Pam did a monologue, a la Joyce Grenfell, as Canada's first female orchestra conductor. "I had the nifty fun of conducting the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and a 12 voice chorale in the most astonishingly arranged version of a Chopin piece which descended into utter cacophony, total mayhem!" Pam says that her sons have become "splendid men" and she is "deeply proud" of them. Carson has enjoyed many careers, all in entertainment—acting, managing a night-club, and booking eclectic groups of artists. Presently he is a reporter on a dot-com and Pam reports that the program may go on Pay-per-View TV soon. Son Zack is also an actor. His first feature was in the MGM classic, *A Christmas Story*, usually shown on PBS during the holiday season. Zack plays Scut Farkas. He moved to LA in 1995, with his wife Gigi De Leon, and is now in his second season on *Titus*, Fox TV on Wed. nights at 9 p.m. He plays the younger brother Dave. Pam has moved permanently to British Columbia where the "work is great and I adore the vistas of mountains and ocean—heals my soul." Look for Pam in a current Fixodent commercial of a gardening grandma who pulls her glove on with her teeth—that miraculously stay in place. In April 2001, she played the Countess De Lage in *The Women*, a reprise of the role she had at SBC when Nancy Godwin stage-

managed; this production was in Vancouver. Not to let ennui set in, Pam is now taking beginner belly dancing lessons and working with a personal trainer to "remind my gluts and abs that muscles are fun!"

Life in the Kuntz household has been pretty hectic. Our daughter Martha Schenck and her three children, Katie, 11, Lauren, 9 and Cole, 5, returned to Dayton for a year while Don took special duty in Angola for 15 months. It was heaven to have them nearby, in a rented house in Oakwood, and a real jolt when they moved back to DC in August. They are settled in a house in Ashburn, northern VA, and Don arrived home 10/24 for several years. Lee continues to work as a victim-witness advocate in Clarksville, TN, for the DA of two counties, a job she loves; son Scott is 11. Anne is busier than ever in her position as Director of Aftercare Services for Routsong Funeral Homes. She also conducts workshops and seminars and is sought out for her expertise in grief counseling. She is an animal lover and spends much of her spare time volunteering at the Humane Society and other shelters. She also counsels in the field of pet loss. Eddie retired from commercial real estate this summer so he is freed up to help me dispose of 25 years' accumulation; our house is on the market and we're clearing out in anticipation of a sale. Our plans for the future are on hold. We took a nice, relaxing trip to northern MI the middle of Oct., not only to close the cottage at Columbus Beach Club but also to have a little much-needed R&R.

I want to thank all of you, once again, for the kind words and encouragement all of you shower on me. Almost every one of you who wrote had a comment on the state of our nation; generally, the remarks were hopeful and upbeat. Our world will never be the same again but we can carry on. Keep those letters and e-mails coming; I never tire of hearing from my talented and energetic classmates. BRAVO!

## 1961

**President: Winifred Storey Davis  
Secretary: Bette Hutchins Sharland  
Fund Agents: Fran Brackenridge  
Neumann, Mary Denny Scott Wray  
Reunion Fundraiser: Willia Fales**

### Eckerberg

Re-Union in Virginia in May was a time for relaxing and connecting with our former selves, but also for realizing that we are connected, we have continuity, and we draw strength, even inspiration, from those we've known for years. We rejoice in retirement from traditional work, delight in children and grandchildren, explore beyond the bend in the road. Most of all, we realize how great a privilege it is to be able to choose meaning over money as we allocate our time.

**Simone Aubry**, stronger than ever, cultivates half a county in Massachusetts, and every fruit and veggie is put to use while her cats enjoy her flower gardens. After Re-Union, she, **Patti Anderson Warren**, and **Ginger Lutz Stephen** toured North Carolina's "research triangle", finding **Betty Pease Hopkins** and **Judy Rohrer Davis** at home. Betty joined them for three days of celebratory "R n R" on the Outer Banks. Near as **Bette Hutchins Sharland** can tell, Patti is our most "frequent flyer", marrying off her son on the shores of Lake Tahoe just after the September Terror. Airport closures hardly marred "a beautiful day" to welcome Sarah Ann. She also enjoyed the Ashland, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, taking in 7 plays, 4 by the Bard, in 5 days. "Fabulous" performances, right alert audience. Her October flight was to Colorado, to see grandchildren who couldn't make the wedding.

Probably our second "frequent flyer" is Simone, who visited in El Paso, Newport, R.I., Washington and New York City. Together, these two spent Thanksgiving in the spring—"way down south in the Galapagos Islands and then 'way up, in Macchu Pichu. They both urge everyone to "have as much fun" as they do.

Another believer in "flower power" is **Fran Brackenridge Neumann**, now a judge for the Garden Club of America. She and Patti met and discussed their re-actions to the 9-11 attacks and their feelings about the new kind of war started. "It was good to be with a new-found old friend." Old friends are those who let us think out loud, so we can realize how we really feel, what to let go, what to keep. Fran recommends retirement as a way to volunteer more of her strength. **Faith Bullis Mace** and Dick spent summer fishing in Prince William Sound and the Copper River Delta, bringing back lots of Alaskan salmon and halibut. When not a grandmom, she substitutes as a teacher. Winters, it's back to Crystal Beach, and more fishing.

**Willia Fales Eckerberg** and Lennart "loved" their first Sweet Briar Re-union. After a summer in Sweden, punctuated by a water color class in Tuscany, Willia planned to go to Alumnae Council "to get even more fired up about our super class doing even better". From St. Louis, **Lucinda Lowry Stein** and retired Ron spent September 2000 in Germany and France, March 2001 in Tenerife and Madrid. They're "happy in St. Louis" since both daughters, Leslie and Kathryn, their husbands, and grandchildren, Paul Edward and Emma, live nearby. Everyone welcomed Emma's little brother last February. Cindy and Ron were in Italy in September 2001, and in Florence on the 11th, where they were "overwhelmed by the outpouring of sympathy and concern of Italians, Brits, and Germans." Cindy

adds "love to see anyone". **Linda MacArthur Hollis** and Bob were among those lucky enough to be on the superb SBC trip to China in late spring of 2001. Linda writes "the same old"—but along with golf and tennis, she and Bob volunteer practically everywhere. Now that they've a grandchild in western North Carolina, pediatrician Jennifer's first, they continue as frequent flyers. From a new home on Cape Cod, **Mary MacKenzie Shaw** writes that she retired from the insurance industry 2 years ago. She and Jim sold their home in Simsbury, Ct., and followed their granddaughter to the Cape, so Mary can babysit. The last of her 3 children married in Ireland last October, so the Shaws journey between England, France, and Ireland, with Aruba for contrast. Mary reads, plays tennis, and loves the beach.

We'll never be out of touch with Sweet Briar, since we've **Judy Greer Schulz**, who lives in Lynchburg, keeps using her music major, and sent daughter Cecily to SBC too. She keeps up with **Jane Garst Lewis**, who introduced Cecily to another Britisher, Jonathan. In April, 2001, both families celebrated Jonathan's birthday in the Cotswolds. Now Connecticut residents, Cecily and Jonathan are being introduced around by **Emily Fitzhugh**. "Re-Unions just go on and on across the generations". The Rev. Dr. **Nancy Bloomer**, now "officially" retired from full time ministry in the Episcopal Church, still preaches and celebrates frequently, teaches and writes the rest of the time, and has two grandchildren. **Catherine Caldwell Cabaniss** represented us at the "Friends of Art" meeting in New York, timed to coincide with the print fair at the Armory and a reception and lecture by Sweet Briar Professor Chris Witcombe at the National Arts Club, attended by many New York alums. Later, she and Billy joined **Sally Mathiasen Prince** and Ted for a September weekend in Maine. Also summering in Maine were **Nancy Coppedge Lynn** and Jerry, where they golfed and Nancy tried out her francais. Joined by children and grandchildren, they had a splendid time.

Charlottesville is now home to **Susan Cone Scott** and her "invaluable" decorator, **Suzanne Seaman Berry**. Susan missed reunion while preparing for the wedding of her daughter, Alexandra. Now that she's retired, she studies both T'ai Chi and drawing. Too busy to retire is **Lou Chapman Hoffman** running the Historic New Orleans Collection, visiting **Mary Hunter Kennedy Daly**, then **Celia Williams Dunn** and **Mimi Lucas Fleming** in Savannah. After a surprise visit from **Bee Newman Thayer**, she and Don went up to UVa Law to visit their son, staying with Betty Meade Howard and John. In Richmond or maybe Dallas are **Judith Harris Cutting** and Tom, healthy, strong, busy, and grandparents of triplets, 2 boys and a

girl, which has "changed our style considerably". Two who know about this are **Susie Prichard Pace** and George, who say "no news is Good News".

**Celia Williams Dunn**'s daughter, Celia, returned from Cambodia in late August of 2000, just before Celia's ('61) father died. Ever roaming, Celia popped down to Jacksonville for a Sweet Briar reception for President Muhlenfeld and a visit with her son. **Mary Denny Scott Wray** especially enjoyed seeing **FeeFee Mathews** at Reunion, and encourages others who may not have graduated from SBC to show up in '06. She keeps up with her children and 6 grandchildren, golfs, sings in the choir, and weeds the Botanical Gardens, while serving on the Board of the Richmond Symphony and Poplar Forest. After bravely assuming the leadership of '61, **Winifred Storey Davis** and Tread returned home to welcome grandson Cole Davis. Twelve Davises celebrated their 40th anniversary at the beach in June. Winifred rejoices that her 3 sons and her sisters' families are all in the southeast, and in 2001, "more important than ever." Many concur, and mention the accomplishments of friends, the reliability of trained public servants, and the comfort of the routines we all thought we'd worked out to ease us toward our goals. **Bette Hutchins Sharland** had a grand visit with her 95 year-old cousin and heard all about bridge. She spent a second winter shufflin', sortin', slidin' and shufflin' in the (north)West Wing of the Maryland House of Delegates where the grins keep coming. **Bee Newman Thayer** and Brad say they're "slowly getting organized" now that they have permanently moved to New Hampshire, and love being in the mountains. In June, son Bill and Teresa presented Bradley Read Thayer II, who joins sister Katie. They had such a "great time" at Reunion and "loved having everyone out to the farm" so much so that they're willing to have us back. Start planning for May, 2006!

## 1964

**Co-Presidents: Nancy L. Gillies, Claire Hughes Knapp**  
**Secretary: Virginia "Ginny" deBuys**  
**Fund Agents: Lee Huston Carroll, Rosamond Sample Brown, Susan Glasgow Brown**

On a personal level, you all seem to be a pretty contented group. Many of you are retiring, or traveling, or working on "grand mothering" skills. All of you mentioned that in good times and bad, our friendships, these ties from long ago, matter more and more each year. As friends, what do we do? We party. The New York/New Jersey/Connecticut contingent had a great gathering at **Anne Day Herrman's**. We were six—Anne, **Ginny deBuys**, **Betsy Pidgeon Parkinson**,

**Frances Hanahan, Tina Patterson Murray, and Ashton Bartfield**. And then in the spring, after hearing **Sarah Strother King** was going to be in Washington, we got a group together at **Jackie Nicholson Wysong's** in Alexandria. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time. The lively attendees were **Jackie, Sarah, Anne Harwood Scully, Lynne Riley-Coleman, Barbara (Bebe) Bolling Downs, Rosamond Sample Brown, Gail Rothrock Trozzo, Marsh Metcalf Seymour, and Anne Stanley**. And we have pictures—except for one of Sarah since I ruined my film by accident. Classmates who couldn't come to either event were disappointed and are now looking forward to the next event. **Nancy Green Hall** celebrated the marriage of her son on September 22 in Washington, D.C. Her son and his bride both worked in the World Financial Center, next door to the WTC. We count another blessing. As I write these notes, **Libby Kopper Schollaert's** son Charlie, an Army Reserve officer, has been called up. Libby also lost her brother, Dick, to a sudden illness this year. On our web site (now moved to [www.debystech.com/sbpatch64](http://www.debystech.com/sbpatch64)—no password needed), you'll find a painting by **Marjorie Fleigh Kala** inspired by the WTC events. Marjorie is enjoying "a delightful relationship" and has moved to New Paltz, NY where she is busy with a women's painting group, drawing and painting on her own, writing in a small writing group, and participating in two personal growth groups. She also enjoys substitute teaching at Poughkeepsie High School and promoting the Global Art Project. One busy lady. **Mollie Johnson Nelson** went to China with Sweet Briar in May/June and found it fascinating. "The Three Gorges Dam is amazing, and Ninie Laing's lectures on various Chinese arts took me back to Art Appreciation courses of long ago." She also went on the Sweet Briar trip to Sorrento, Italy in October and had a wonderful time. "I wasn't going to let a few terrorists ruin my life or ruin my plans." **Grace Mary Garry Oates** writes of a reunion with two dear friends from St. Andrews and a fine visit with **Sarah Strother King** and husband Robin, and **Helen Dunn**. "I hadn't seen Helen for 25 years and hadn't seen Sarah since we graduated. They're both as lively, interesting and entertaining as they always were." Sarah and Robin are spending the winter on their farm in Portugal, harvesting olives and enjoying the rich, timeless culture there. Wally and Grace Mary enjoyed a trip to Scotland and England in June, "for a long planned pilgrimage to Iona and Lindesfarne, following in the footsteps of Sts. Columba, Aidan and Cuthbert and then to Melrose Abbey and Abbotsford, Scott's home, in the beautiful Borders area of Scotland (where both Cuthbert and Bede are buried)." They enjoyed lots of theater in London,

including a first visit to the Globe for a performance of Lear. Wonderful! **Tuck Mattern Harvey** came east to visit her daughter and grandchildren in Fairfax and then she and Grace Mary drove down to Fredericksburg to see **Sheila Carroll Coopider**. Sheila has a new grandson, Aidan Connor Gass, born on April 4, 2001 to Roger and Kathryn Coopider Gass, O'Fallon, IL. "He is exceptionally good and beautiful." Kathryn is still working as a speech therapist and LeaAnn, in Denver, is a manager at Quest and climbs 14,000 ft mountains ("14ers" to those in the know). Chuck, a pilot with United Airlines, will retire in May 2002. "I am happily working in a parish in the Fredericksburg area. We still travel a lot and welcome visitors to our Virginia home." **Bettina Patterson Murray** is teaching at John Jay College in New York, a college on the forefront of training police and firemen. She's on the speakers' circuit this year, first with a visit to the College Reading Association and then a conference at Scotland Yard in London in the spring. And, she's still writing her thesis! **Scottie Newell Lennon** enjoyed entertaining her children's families and friends around a new pool installed this year. (Okay, Scottie, next year we'll have a '64 pool party!) "We're enjoying other people's grandchildren until we are blessed with one." Rich Jr. returned from Virginia this year and has been a big help after Rich Sr.'s stroke. Daughter Allison also lives nearby so "we're all hangin' together." **Penny Writer Theis** and husband Stuart count their blessings and chief among them are their children. Penny's son Tim and wife just built their first house in the Chicago area. He is a pilot with American Airlines out of D'Hare. Son Jeff and his wife are living in Glens Falls, NY with granddaughter Delaney, now two years old. Daughter Ginger is with the Jones Day law firm in D.C. and just bought her first house in Arlington. **Stephanie Stokes'** interior design projects were featured in four national magazines this past fall. She founded *Design for Living, Interior Design Industry Fights Breast Cancer*, an organization devoted to helping women in the industry by providing free screening and raising money for creative research. She's enjoying traveling out west and to Europe. **Christie Calder Solomon** has retired from her job at Christie's Auction House. She's now pursuing her own photography, some work with several non-profits, some babysitting for grandchildren, and various travels. "Life is good. I'd welcome a call when classmates come through the NY area!" **Frances Hanahan** continues in real estate in New York and spends a lot of time at her home in Charleston. When I called Fran after September 11, she was having trouble making reservations to leave NYC. We reached a new phase in networking when I provided Internet

reservation services and booked her train passage out of New York to Charleston. "Your credit card number please. Expiration Date... Thank you for calling Ginny's Travel Services." **Nina Sledge Burke** and husband Frank spend most of their time in the South Carolina low country or the North Carolina Mountains with stopovers in Atlanta, which is "still really home." Their daughter will produce a first grandchild in February and their son still practices law in Charleston, SC. She gets to see many SBC alumnae in her travels and in her work for the R.E. Lee/Stratford Hall Board. **Mary Duer Colen** and Joe spend most weekends at their farm on the Eastern shore and love it more than ever. "Our home in Gladwyne PA is quite neglected but as we both continue to be fully employed, it will be our full time residence. Joe's son, our oldest, and his wife expect our first grandchild on Thanksgiving. Needless to say, we are thrilled. Jennie Colen remains in retail. Jennifer Leach is chief legal counsel to Senator Torricelli and therefore still in Washington, D.C. Ambler Leach is now with Herman Miller. **Angie Whaley LeClerq** and husband Fred live above Fred's antique store (Alkyn Arts and Antiques) in Charleston while Angie continues to spin tales (the latest "Between North and South, The Letters of Emily Wharton Sinkler"). Angie says, "Do come visit!" **Dona Van Arsdale Jones**' son Tim is a freshman at the University of Denver and daughter Emily is in D.C. working for the Federal Trade Commission. Naturally, Dona loves having Emily nearby. Dona says "she was delighted to see Ginny" (that's me) "this past spring when we had lunch during Ginny's D.C. visit, and I hope to see her again!" I hope we do it again too. It had been years but seemed like yesterday. **Elizabeth Matheson** reports that she and Helen Dunn were in "sweet, elegant, Lucca, Italy" on the 11th of September and were glad to come home shortly after. "Hillsborough has become a writer's town including several (Lee Smith, Annie Dillard) with—gasp—Hollins connections. It's high cotton for me, a starstruck reader from way back." **Marsh Metcalf Seymour** loves being a docent at the Freer and Sackler Galleries (Smithsonian) and continues to paint. There were no big trips this year. Life's pleasures remain closer to home and family. Another grandchild (a boy) arrived in 2001 causing Marsh to take up knitting again "which means taking out more stitches than Odysseus' Penelope since I only knit when someone in our family produces a baby or gets married!" **Carrie Peyton Walker**'s travels took her to Paris and Italy in January (2001) and then in October on a long planned trip to New England (Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts) to see the fall color where she visited **Wendy Wilkens** and her family for several days. She enjoys

San Francisco Opera and having lots of houseguests. Have you ever been to a "Red Egg and Ginger" luncheon? Carrie has. The occasion celebrates a one-month-old Chinese baby's birth. **Rosamond Sample Brown** writes, "This has been a good year and my last work year, at least until I get bored or hungry. I plan to take a sabbatical (I'm not really calling it retirement because that makes me sound too old, plus I may have to seek gainful employment again if the stock market does not recover fast) for at least a year to travel, see friends and family, and just adjust my priorities. That includes hopefully seeing many of my SBC classmates. I plan to stay in this area and divide my time between my McLean, VA townhouse and my San Diego townhouse visiting friends in the U.S. and Europe. I spent a week in the south of France near the Spanish border in June, then a month in Austria in August. In September, I was in Little Rock for my younger son's wedding. I have been thinking seriously about this "retirement" for the past year, and the September 11 attacks confirmed my decision. **Susan Jahn Mancini** had a nice chat with **Hedi Haug White** and was happy to find out that all was well with her and her family. "I am finding it valuable and therapeutic to reconnect with old friends and I'm not sure whether it is age or recent events, perhaps both." **V.M. Del Greco Galgano** writes that her daughter Laura's wedding went beautifully and that she is teaching an overload at James Madison University, "with just enough time to work with the SBC Alumnae Association and play with my 18-month-old granddaughter. Those are three things I love so it is hardly a hardship." **Genie Johnson Sigler** writes that she and husband Bill went on the SBC trip to Tuscany in November 2000. "It was wonderful! We met lots of wonderful SBC alumnae and friends. We were there during the election, and it was a most interesting experience, especially being from Arkansas! Lots of differing opinions—and especially interesting to hear the Italian viewpoint on all of the goings on! We loved the trip so much that we are taking the exact same one this September! We just felt like there was much more to learn and see, so here we go! We are tagging along with two other colleges this time, and will miss our SBC connections!

Other news is that we added a downstairs bedroom and bath last summer. I live in the house where I grew up so it's wonderful to have a "new" room! A real change for me!" **Anne Day Herrmann** went to China with **Mary Green Borg**'s singing group and had a great time. Anne's good friend and our classmate, **Barbara Doty Miller**, died in January 2001 after a 4 1/2 year battle with ovarian cancer. **Ginny deBuys** was to go to Sorrento with Sweet Briar and didn't. My

employer has been affected but not defeated by the economy and the World Trade Center events. We were most fortunate to have moved most of the employees to New Jersey (nearer to me!) over the summer. I have caught the "grandmother" bug as "great godmother" to Milbrey Walker, my roommate Milbrey Raney's (65) grandchild. The perfect Christmas bear is waiting in its Christmas box. After taking **Vera LeCraw Carvillo**'s son Philippe to dinner and thinking about all those pictures on the web site, I keep thinking that we need a sons and daughters gathering. You have charming children! I also visited Richard and Evelyn Pannell at West Point where Richard is teaching and met their two little girls, Emma (5) and Abigail (7), my cousin Laurie's grandchildren. Finally, you sent love to all of your classmates and promises to return for the next reunion. I'm keeping tabs. Please call or email news any time. Email: vdebuys@sprintmail.com.

## 1967

**President: Judith Bensen Stigle  
Secretary: Diane Dalton**

The request for class notes arrived in early September. I think that **Baird Shinberger Bell** summed up the feelings of many of us when she wrote, "The events of the past week make it difficult to think of writing about the events that define my life. My family was spared the individual grief, but feel very much a part of the collective grief". Baird retired after 27 years of teaching and is devoting more time to her quilting. Son, Dave, is a 3rd year resident in internal medicine at Walter Reed and announced his engagement to Rachel Torres in July. Son, Steve, writes and tests programs for air traffic controllers.

**Barb Tillman Kelley** says, "As others know, it is weird with no kids around after you have spent so many years with PTA, soccer games, etc." Son, David, has a condo nearby and Darcy loves vet school at Auburn. Trey has transferred to Millsaps in Jackson, MS. Barb is beginning a new stage of volunteer work as a docent for a local landmark, and this is her 24th year driving the Artmobile and seeing kids at the Museum.

After breaking her hip, **Jill Berguido Gill**'s mother, Marion Jayne Berguido, SBC '28 has moved into a nursing home and is feeling better. Jill tutors 18 students between 2nd and 11th grade. She gardens for relaxation, and added a fishpond this year. Jill loves to write and finds time to write creative pieces, maintain her "Garden Journal" that she started in 1975, and write up notes on her students. Bruce is still extremely busy with Harriton House. New animals at Harriton are Oreo and Rammy the sheep and their two lambs, and Bugle and Saddle, Nubian goat babies. Bruce was "on the

scene" when the lambs were born. Bruce is also involved in raising money for the restoration of the old barn on the Harriton Plantation. He is on the Vestry and several other committees at Christ Church, Philadelphia. Tim, 21, is living in Powelton Village, Philadelphia with 6 friends from Drexel U.

**Vicky Baker** returned from four months in Sri Lanka on a Rotary University Teaching Grant after taking side trips to Myanmar and Cambodia. Before the new semester at Eckerd College began, Vicky spent 2 weeks in the Cayman Islands sponsoring her top student and Ford Apprentice Scholar on a research project dealing with the impact of tourism.

**Ginny Carpenter Delgado** is now known as "Grandmommy" to her first grandson Álvaro. Son, Rafael, daughter-in-law Inés, and the baby live in Cartagena (Murcia) where Rafael is an officer on a submarine. Ginny visited her sister and brother-in-law this summer in Breckenridge CO, practiced her English and brushed up on American customs and culture. They hiked, played golf, rode horseback, and visited the San Juan Mountains, Ouray, Telluride, Silverton and Durango. She spent 2 weeks in England and Scotland and went to the tiny island of Iona, the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland and found it to be a very special and beautiful place. She went to Bannockburn, Markinch, Forfar and Kettle, home to her Scottish ancestors. She reports that Scotland has almost as many castles as Spain. In Madrid she's busy with friends and Spanish family and joined "AWMS" American Women Married to Spaniards. Her horse, Windy, is 18 and finally starting to calm down, although every once in a while her thoroughbred character fires up. Ginny's new accomplishment is learning to play golf, which is a lesson of humility, as one of her friends says.

Another new golfer is **Gracey Stoddard** who had a wonderful summer of travel to Vermont and a lot of tennis and golf. She's getting hooked and finds it "relaxing if you don't take it or yourself too seriously". Oscar, 27, is working in finance in NYC and is engaged to a W&M classmate. Casey, 25, is living in Williamsburg since his '99 graduation from W&M and is exploring different jobs in the search for what he ultimately wants to do.

**Betsy Bernard Hatch** checked in with **Judi Bensen Stigle** via email. She's still married to Philip, mother of a banker son and lawyer daughter, grandmother of one with another on the way, retired from retail, and trying to get rid of her excess junk as an obsessive collector on Ebay.

**Peggy Pittman Patterson** is still serving as the Dean of the Cathedral in Wilmington, DE, but is looking toward the next stage of life with a vacation/retirement home in Santa Fe, NM. She is planning the family Thanksgiving there. Peggy visited her

daughter, a graduate student in New Zealand.

**Maria Wigglesworth Hemmings** writes that she doesn't have really anything to report except they took a return trip to the Middle East and arrived home 1 week before the WTC Disaster and last time they went they arrived home 2 weeks before the start of the Gulf War. "I love the Middle East but perhaps we should not go." Maria has been working closely with the relief effort at church. They have a driver who got on the list of people allowed to go to Ground Zero so they know things actually got to volunteers.

**Anne Carr Bingham** is in her third year of the graduate liberal studies program at Wesleyan U. Kim and Anne are still singing with their church choir and The Anglican Singers. The latter performed choral evensong in the Episcopal cathedral in Albany. "What a thrill to sing in that beautiful, holy space." In addition to choral work, she has started individual voice lessons, which have proven enjoyable and most helpful. Kim and Anne became grandparents again. Claire joins brother Mark, 8, and sisters Hannah, 6, Natalie, 4, and Isabel, 2. Daughter, Alexandra, continues to homeschool the 3 older children who are bright, engaged, happy, and enjoyable to be around. Son, Robert, is at SUNY Brockport pursuing a masters degree in dance. He hopes to teach dance at the college level upon completing his work there.

**Kim Waters Keriakos** loves being a grandmother. In northern VA they have 4 of their 7 grandchildren ages 1 month, 22 months, 2 years and 4 years. They spend a lot of time dancing, story telling, and acting. She enjoys working with the flower ministry at church. She finds arranging the magnificent chancel flowers and some of the other large arrangements for worship, wonderful. Van and Kim joined with her sister and brother-in-law to take their mother to the Homestead for her birthday where they enjoyed a relaxing time with family in the beautiful Blue Ridge.

**Betsy Kurtz Argo** and Jimmie are busy traveling back and forth being michiganders and buckeyes. He's retired and can't wait for Betsy to retire, but she loves her job and doesn't see any end soon. Betsy talked to **Toni Naren Gates** who said that both of her kids were in NYC when the towers fell. But she heard from both right away and knew they were safe.

**Ginny Stanley Douglas** is the CA Coordinator for The WISH List; working to elect Pro-Choice Republican Women at all levels of government. She's fund raising around CA and helping with Western Campaign School in Phoenix in the fall. Niece, Leila Kessler, graduated from James Madison U in May. They had a big family reunion in Roanoke and at Harrisonburg with cousins ranging from their daughter, the eldest at 29, down to their nephew,

Jack at 18 months. Ginny's still a grandmother-in-waiting. They ski at Lake Tahoe in the winter and hike and golf in the summer. Bill and Ginny spent a week in HI in October hiking, swimming, loafing and partying. They attended a party in HI where the host's sister graduated from SBC, Vivian Butler of AL. A small SBC world! Their guest cottage has been full with college students stopping by en route to/from San Francisco or flying out to ski. Bill and Ginny feel blessed with a very peaceful year and a wonderful family and good health. Thanks to **Jane Stephenson Wilson** for checking in. She's still in Greenville, SC and doing well.

**Diane Mann Lankford** continues to be busy building houses in Atlanta and promoting her development in Madison GA. Her daughter, Catherine, was married in June 2001 with a lovely garden reception.

**Susan Tucker** is busy volunteering on the Boards of the Carlos Museum of Art & Archaeology, the Forward Arts Foundation and the Blerancourt Museum of French-American History in Paris. She chaired the Forward Arts Foundation annual fashion show with Oscar de la Renta as designer. In '00 Susan traveled to Burgundy with a Blerancourt program and in '01 is going on their Paris trip. She chaired their Atlanta event "Vive Wilson", a photographic history of President Wilson's journey to Paris at the end of WWI. Susan sees classmates **Kay Trogdon Hightower** and **Melissa Sanders Thomas**.

**Lindsay Smith Newsom** reports that her daughter, Kate, is fine in Greenwich Village, NYC where she works for an architecture firm. Lindsay visited **Randy Brown** and **Sue Morck Perrin** at Pawley's Island, and saw **Gretchen Bullard Barber** and her family in Wilson NC. She reports that **Sally Haskell Richardson** and Wes are travelling lots, but are real Floridians in the cold months. Lindsay is busy with church, the art museum, her high school St. Mary's, and a summer trip to Italy.

**Randy Brown's** daughter, Raye, married Mike Dunn in October '00 and graduated from James Madison U in '01. Son, Bill graduated from Essex HS and plans to be an Army ranger. After suffering a stroke in France, Randy's father returned home and passed away in May '01. Randy retired, but she's found another job!

**Kat Barnhardt Chase** writes that daughter, Alison, is a busy teenager dancing and starting her college search. Husband, Bob, continues to thoroughly enjoy teaching computer science at SBC. Kat and Bob are having a delightful time with their grandson.

**Eugenia Bull Ryner** is the Administrator for the FBI Library, and in an understatement notes that this has been an unusually difficult and stressful year in law enforcement. She

had the opportunity to travel to the Netherlands for an international conference in May. Her retired husband, Stephen, recently was appointed to the planning commission for Prince William County, VA and continues with many volunteer activities.

**Stephanie Ewall Coleman's** family is doing well including her 98-year-old father. She and Ron visited Newport, RI and enjoyed **Pam Ford Kelley's** hospitality and beautiful shop.

**Margy Dorch Brooks** sells residential real estate. She's taken up oil and watercolor painting with a great teacher and wonderful friends. Both children have moved away, but they enjoy visiting Virginia in San Francisco and Will in Atlanta.

**Susan Summers Alloway** and Evans are tending their small horse farm in semi-retirement. Evans does free-lance educational writing, and Susan has left full-time Presbyterian ministerial jobs to go back to school to train to be a Spiritual Director and lead retreats. Their youngest is a college junior, 2 work in banks, and the last is an actor, soccer coach and high school teacher. They are proud of them and especially the 2 who have overcome substance problems.

**Mary Sabra Gillespie Monroe** is still in Richmond, but daughter Alison and Ben have moved to Philadelphia where she is attending Temple Law, and daughter Anne is at SUNY Stonybrook School of Medicine.

While visiting her daughter, Lorien, in Ecuador **Gene King Leyden** lived with an indigenous family in the jungle where she learned to catch fish with her hands. She's back in Ashland, OR teaching dance.

**Beverly Bradshaw Blake** continues to reinvent herself. After teaching school and being a writer/producer of corporate films, she's an aspiring therapist doing her internship. Her son, Thomas, "doesn't seem particularly enthralled with the idea of going to school with Mom".

Jim and **Eleanor Crossley** celebrated their 46th anniversary with a trip to eastern Canada and Cape Cod. Life is good with tennis and sailing in Tampa Bay and a grandchild on the way from their youngest son.

After speaking at a conference in Houston, **Mary Cary Ambler** visited **Stephanie Lucas Harrison**. She vacationed in Kauai. Son, John, is an assistant producer for Fox News and Jacqueline is at Boston U. Mary Cary continues as the Learning Specialist at Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, CT.

**Janie Willingham McNabb** is the proud grandmother of 9 with more on the way. Leading her church's mother's group working with toddlers and knitting baby blankets and Christmas stockings keeps her busy. Over the summer, she helped develop a business plan for the communications company on whose board she sits.

**Glory McRae Bowen** toured to France and her choir sang at Notre Dame, St. Albans and Mont St. Michel last summer. She also sings with the AAUW's "O.K. Chorale". Her daughter directed for the NYC Ionesco Festival. Son, Hardy is studying International Studies and Russian at Vassar and spent last summer in St. Petersburg and Moscow. Her youngest, T. J. is a high school junior.

**Beth Gawthrop Riely** wrote me a lovely letter about **Leslie Huber Dudley**. We will miss Leslie and **Ginny Young Phillips** who both have passed away.

**Judi Bensen Stigle** has been busy traveling, including a trip to Paris, and keeping up with her volunteer work for the VNA and SBC. I've enjoyed rooming with her on our trips to SBC for Alumnae Board meetings. The Centennial has been a wonderful celebration. I hope to see you all at reunion, and remember to keep the news coming. Toots Dalton, 414-276-2989 or [dbdalton@execpc.com](mailto:dbdalton@execpc.com).

## 1970

**President: Deborah L. Jones**  
**Secretary: Virginia Eldridge Eaton**

The life altering events of Sept 11 occurred at the time responses to class notes were due. A tone of gratitude for our blessings pervaded the responses. The basics of family and friendships are front and center.

**Stuart Camblos Rodman** missed our 30th to attend her daughter's graduation from Franklin and Marshall. Stuart is happy to be back in her hometown of Asheville. She feels like a posterchild for the "sandwich" generation with 3 daughters in school, both parents in town and a semi-retired husband. They enjoy a home in Wrightsville Beach and a ranch in Wyoming where Stuart actually herded cattle and was able to walk and talk about it the next day. She enjoyed decorating the 2 condos they rent out on the ski slopes in Jackson Hole. Stuart would love to see any class mates visiting the WNC mountains.

**Kathy Cummings Catlin** will publish her 2nd business book in March "Building the Awesome Organization". She consults with CEOs of high growth companies and Chip works for a biotech company in suburban Boston. Jack graduated from UVA and works in Boston and Reed is 3rd year engineering student, also at UVA. She sees Rod and Elsa Jones Forter all the time.

**Claudia Forman Pleasants** covers both ends of the child spectrum. Her son, Ross Ostrander is in his 4th year at UVA and her daughter, Casey Pleasants has started first grade. Busy Claudia chairs the Membership Board of Johns Hopkins Real Estate Institute; is a trustee at Hospice caring, and serves on the Board at the Barnesville School. If that wasn't enough she is President of Suburban Properties Inc.

She and her husband are finishing a log cabin in the mountains of Cumberland, MD for a well deserved retreat.

**Rose Ann Feldman Braun** and Marc are flourishing as lawyers in St Louis. Her 8th grade daughter is involved in field hockey and her 9th grade son is into soccer. She had a fun catch-up with **Pat Swinney Kaufman** when she visited St Louis last year.

**Dr Ann Gateley** is in academic medicine in New Mexico and completed her 19th Marathon. Still reluctant to remarry and has the welcome mat out for '70 (if you can catch her). **Jane Gott** and husband Ron Tant spent the summer tending roses, oil painting and staving off the ravages of age with a personal trainer. Jane has visited her folks in Hilton Head and caught up with SBC roomie **Barbara Offutt Mathieson**.

**Frances Graveley** and Haig moved to their new, very modern house after the old one burned to the ground in the wake of Hurricane Fran. Frances reports Lee is studying engineering at GA Tech and Susan explores zoology at NC State. Her Italian import business, Vietri thrives.

**Louise Hayman** became a Fellow in the PR Society of America. She is Director of Communications for Comptroller of Maryland. Annapolis based Louise took up rowing and has completed a 12 mile race. Her daughter, Kessler, is editor of Chesapeake Life magazine. **Kris Herzog** has been traveling from her Gainesville FL home to MA where she is cleaning out her mom's house. She's blasting out resumes in hopes of a job change. Her 2 nieces love SBC and she reports a fun encounter with Deb Jones.

**Mary Jane Hipp Brock** wrote from NYC reeling from the events of 9/11 and treasuring her family and friends. Skip and **Sue Holbrook Daly** traveled to Paris and Brussels which Sue hadn't seen since she went to high school there. Youngest daughter Stephanie and her husband graduated from W&L law and both passed the bar! Daughter Andrea lives at Woodberry Forest where her husband is on the admissions staff and is in charge of the basketball program. Sue sells and teaches real estate and serves as a volunteer chaplain at Alexandria Hospital. Skip works for Fairchild Dornier which builds small commercial aircrafts.

**Charlie and May Humphreys Fox** are still in Richmond where she works in the government relations area. Daughter Keely followed May's footsteps by spending Junior Year in Florence. Son George graduated from JMU and was spending 4 months exploring Australia and New Zealand.

**Baird Hunter Campbell** writes from Queenstown MD that all 3 children "left for their respective schools in domino fashion, various parent weekends followed in domino fashion, and now fall weekends in domino have started—yes in domino fashion"—so much for the

empty nest! Neal is a sophomore at Lynchburg College, Clay is a freshman at Elon University in NC and Parker is a junior at St Catherines. Baird is back to teaching middleschoolers full time so she can enjoy the relaxed summer style of Maryland's Eastern Shore.

**Jane Lewis Seaks** keeps busy with Libby (16 and driving!). Terry fulfills a childhood dream in retirement by volunteering with the train crew at the North Carolina Transportation Museum.

**Jo Shaw Robinson** and her son Edwin visited while college shopping. **Candace Boker Chang** visited while her sister was undergoing surgery at Duke.

**Kim Mitchell Bethea** finished her PhD in Ed Technology at University of Wisconsin-Madison. Kim & David caught up with Kenn and **Tricia Mast George** at David's 30th W&L reunion. They will be empty nesters when Emily goes to college this fall. Kim proposes a mini-reunion in Chicago.

**Jean McKee Carmichael** marks 25 years with the YMCA as executive director. She moved to LA after 10 years in Dallas where she left eldest son, Ian, married with 3 precious children and serving in the Air Force. Youngest son, Ross, plays pro basketball in Spain. Jean reunited with **Diane McCabe Reid** who was "scouting colleges" in CA. Jean jokes that they bored their respective children catching up with each other's lives.

**Barbara Offutt Mathieson** cautions everyone to do those breast self-exams. She'd had a clear mammogram 4 months prior to discovering a lump upon returning from a happy trip to Spain. She had a lumpectomy, chemo and is going through a course of radiation. No lymph nodes were involved and our thoughts are with Barbara for a complete recovery. Thanks for sharing your experience...it's an important reminder for all of us.

**Bonnie Palmer McCloskey** sounds happily busy in Aspen with family, travel, sports and volunteer activities. Children Todd (26), David (24), Lauren (20) are in Boulder where the boys formed the McCloskey Brothers Band and Lauren is at CU. Devon (17) is home with Bonnie and Tom. Bonnie's book club has been together 12 years and went to London last fall to study Shakespeare. Bonnie's volunteer activities include the SBC Board, Aspen Center for New Medicine Board, Aspen Education Foundation Board, and Women's Foundation of Colorado Board. She founded a women's speaker luncheon series last year and with Tom started a National Music Day, May 1st...whew!

**Mary Jo Petree Murphy** writes from Winston-Salem that she, too, joined the sandwich generation. Her mom has Alzheimers, her dad has some health challenges and she tries to visit her scattered brood in Glenwood Springs CO, Atlanta and Chapel Hill. She and Frank are on the Young Life Committee and Mary Jo

keeps active with tennis and long walks with the dog. She was looking forward to her daughter's wedding in October where **Katy Lou Warren Towers** was going to cut the cake.

**Betty Rau Santangelo** works as Program Director of the Shenedehowa Senior Center in upstate NY. Betty administers around 50 activities in which over 125 people a day participate. She sings in 3 different groups and enjoyed tandem bike riding with Bob this summer. Bob is a patent attorney for GE's R&D headquarters in Niskayuna. Matt is a sophomore at Duke and writes comedy sketches. Sara teaches high school biology and leads the Duting Club in NH and David is a free-lance TV editor living in Queens.

Great note from **Kate Schlech** who has logged 21 years at DDJ antitrust division. She claims to have done absolutely nothing interesting to report... "no pets, no beau, no spouse, no kids...but no complaints either". Kate can be found antiquing in pursuit of political cartoons which may or may not find their way into a book.

**Elizabeth Smith Avery** attended the wedding of Stephanie Harmon's (SBC '72) daughter in the American Cathedral in Paris.

**Peripatetic Sally Taylor** finished the Frankfurt Book Fair and declares she is forsaking publishing for the open sea. She was cruising the Med this fall and claims she wants to "enjoy the body while it is at least partially robust".

**Debbie Warren Rommel** is in Houston where she teaches kindergarten and Ross practices law. 2 children are in college and one is out. She still plans to move to Texas Hill Country in a few years. **Katy Warren Towers** writes of a blessed life filled with travels including tulip season in the Netherlands, Italy, mountains of North Carolina, San Antonio and Winston Salem for Mary Jo's daughter's wedding. She achieved her personal goal of running her 1st 15K and ranked in the top 10% of our age group.

I continue to be very involved in my job as channel manager for a software company. Transformation from vertical to geographical base provided a welcome decrease in overnights travel, much to the chagrin of the kennel that boards my boxer dogs. This summer brought an extended trip to our Costa Mesa CA headquarters... I finally got the opportunity to explore Southern CA and visited the magnificent Getty museum. This fall, I squeezed in a few weekends at my condo at the DE beach with some friends and am still active in professional organizations and the local garden club. A healthy, happy year to all and feel free to e-mail me with news @ neaton@filenet.com

## 1973

**President: Kathleen Cochran Schutze**  
**Secretary: Louise (Weezie) Blakeslee Gilpin**

**Fund Agent: Diane Dale Reiling**

Happy Birthday to all of us who have turned 50 in the last year or are staring at it on the near horizon. Personally, I am proud of reaching that place feeling great—wrinkles and gray hair aside.

**Phebe Callaway Robertson** wrote that she has moved from Chevy Chase to Pine Mountain, GA.

**Betsy Cann Akers** writes that her two older sons are Chi Phi's at U.Ga; Morgan a first-year, Scotty a senior. William, an 11th grader, and George, a 9th grader, are at Westminster in Atlanta.

**Lee Addison Sanford and Lisa Marshall Chalmers** have children there as well. Betsy and Scott just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

**Peggy Cheesewright Garner** has had some wild encounters in her Bellevue, WA neighborhood this year. A fully-grown cougar was seen a block away, deer and an opossum roam nearby and a 6 foot black bear stopped daughter Whitney's (in 6th grade) bus just before Peggy wrote. She gave a speech to 125 women at a garden club meeting and another to 85 women. To me, that sounds much scarier than the bear! Peggy still loves teaching. She talks with **Lisa Fowler Winslow** regularly.

Having not heard from **Mac Cuthbert Langley**, I felt obligated to call her for news. Will is living at home and working locally; Hibernia is a high school senior and in the throes of the college process. She plays the cello with the Charleston Youth Orchestra. Cuthbert has just been cast in a local production of "A Christmas Carol."

After moving last September, **Sue Dern Plank** spent much of the spring helping her mother move out of the home where she had lived for 48 years. In March, Sue, Elena and David went to Belize and Guatemala to view the Mayan ruins at Caracol and Tikal. During several days on Ambergris Caye off the Belize coast, Sue and Elena became certified Open Water Scuba Divers. This allowed them to enjoy the fish and plant life on the reefs with David who was already certified. Sue volunteers at Elena's school in the library, admissions and development. Her planned trip to SBC's Alumnae Council was abandoned after 5 1/2 hours in the airport waiting for flights that were eventually cancelled. David continues to work for The Gordian Group as an engineering consultant. Elena is a h.s. junior who plays soccer and is beginning the college search. Debbie Pigman '71 who taught at Elena's school moved to New Orleans to be closer to her parents and will be teaching at the McGehee's School for Girls.

**Christine Eng Leventhal** and Peter continue to work in nutrition and fitness. Christine is working on recertification as a teacher. Their son Nick is a junior at Storm King School in NY. Amy is a junior at UVM and John is a h.s. freshman.

**Lyn Fisher Cortwright** lives in rural Warren County, NJ raising purebred Arabian horses for the show ring. She is working in financial services—financial planning, life insurance, stock brokerage—since 1983. Lyn lost many friends in the World Trade Center disaster and writes that "the city is no longer such a naïve, carefree place ... Hope that some of my lost friends will contact me." Lyn traveled to Africa, "a very spiritual experience," and hopes to return in 2002. Lyn will never forget her 50th birthday on the 12th of September.

**Lisa Fowler Winslow** is busy working as a law librarian, volunteering at school and is now a docent at the Getty Art Museum. Her daughter plays volleyball in high school and her son is a junior at Berkeley. Last April Lisa visited Betsie Meric Gambel in New Orleans for the jazz festival.

**Jane Garland Lucas'** firm, Lucas Stefura Interiors, has been working on a large project this year at Milton Academy and will be working on another large project that will break ground in June. Surprisingly, we have not run into each other. The firm is working with Graham Gund Architects on the new student building at SBC. Jane is going to Austria in mid-October to a clinic specializing in lymphedema, a long-term side effect of her cancer surgery and radiation treatments ten years ago. Husband Carmen will join her for a time followed by a trip including Verona and Innsbruck. After Thanksgiving in Venice with her sister with trips to Padua, Bologna, Florence, Pisa, and Milan, Jane will travel to Dijon and Paris until the end of November. She is taking a leave from her firm through January 2002 and looks forward to time at home and not sending Christmas presents out FedEx on December 23rd!

**Robin Harmon O'Neil** is riding and competed last summer. She is now working with the hounds in preparation for hunt season as she is field master of the Camden Hunt. Finding time to paint is more difficult with Robin a freshman in high school and playing varsity tennis, but big Robin did paint a small portrait of **Carter Heyward Morris'** daughter for Carter's 50th. Robin went to Atlanta for a party with Carter, Hampton and a date and spent a morning painting with **Lisa Marshall Chalmers**. Lisa, Carter and Susan Craig joined Robin for a "chatty lunch." Last spring, Robin and Susan were invited to Cumberland Island by **Jane McCutcheon McFadden** for a joint 50th celebration.

**Susan Kirby Peacock** wrote with the tragic news of the death of her son

Daniel, age 11, two years ago in a boating accident. She writes, "I am finally starting to live again." Her daughter Marley is 12 years old. Living in the woods outside of Tallahassee, Susan is an artist and a pharmacist but travels each summer. During the summer of 2000 they spent a month in Italy and Morocco; last summer found Susan on the Irish coast for a month with rent being one painting! Marley and a girlfriend met her in London for a two week trip through the Scottish highlands including the Edinburgh Tattoo and a stay in a castle. Susan is getting married in the spring and writes, "third time's a charm, I hope."

**Jane Knutson James'** son Patrick is in his second year at UCLA. Elizabeth is a high school senior and plans to go to nursing school. Jane is an ESL aide at the high school with plans to leave when Elizabeth graduates to have more time with her church work and gardening. Michael has changed jobs and is working for FoxSports television. They are planning a trip to Great Britain in September 2002.

**Lucinda Larson Wells** lives in Milton and I see her on campus because her son Andrew is a 6th grader in Milton Academy's Lower School.

**Linda Lipscomb** admits that "turning 50 has not been too bad." She spent time with **Cary Davis** in New Orleans and saw **Gypsie Bear** and Tom in Atlanta—"a riotous eveing laughing about our days in Italy and Boxwood."

**Living in Franktown, VA, Ann Major Gibb** continues to teach computer classes. Emily graduated from UVA in May and has moved to Richmond. David is in his second year at UVA in engineering and loves managing the basketball team there. Ann keeps in touch with **Anne Billings McDougall** and **Diane Dale Reiling**.

**Lisa Marshall Chalmers** writes that her painting business (portraits, not houses) is great. Marshall is a junior in the Foundation Fellow program at Georgia and travels around the world—Cuba, Ireland, Avignon and Greece. Elizabeth is a junior at Westminster and starting to think about colleges. David has his own small real-estate company. **Rachel Mays Fitzgerald** keeps busy with her church work and taking care of her five grandsons (!). Her youngest daughter Carla graduated from Sweet Briar last year and is teaching 3rd grade at Temperance Elementary. Her son Morgan attends preschool.

**Jane McCutcheon McFadden** sent a delightful picture of a class gathering at her house in Charleston—**Jane McFaddin, Robin Harmon O'Neil, Jane Potts, Susan Craig, Mac Cuthbert Langley** and herself. They all make being 50 look fabulous. Jane's son Barclay IV is working in Salt Lake City and her two younger sons are at Taft and Trinity.

**Betsie Meric Gambel** spent her 50th birthday in Florence and Rome.

Her son Gregory will be married in August, 2002 after graduating from Villanova Law School in May. Meric is a sophomore at Clemson. Betsie is in her fifth year as V.P. of Public Relations and Corporate Development at Logan Marketing in New Orleans. She continues doing non-profit work with sponsorships and cause marketing. Betsie spoke of **Lisa Fowler Winslow**'s visit and her plan to see **Jane McFaddin Bryan** and Charlie at Clemson's Homecoming weekend in October. Betsie keeps in touch with **Dessa Rutter** and **Lisa Slatten**.

**Sara Meyerdierts Hillgrove** wrote, as many of you did, of how the tragedy of September 11th had put so much into perspective. She wrote a poem about this that was published in the Richmond, VA paper. She and her husband have a successful new international ice rink management company whose newest client is "the Donald" (they run the Central Park rinks for him). Sara started teaching Professional Communications at the Univ. of Richmond and writes that "my respect for teachers has increased tremendously." Her oldest child is planning a 2002 wedding and the other children are 9 and 12 years old and Sara comments that, "As I get older and crankier and less able to cope, they get closer to teenager-hood. Will be interesting to see who survives ..."

**Laurie Norris** wrote that she had a wonderful visit with **Ginger Woodward Gast** in September when Laurie brought her daughter Stephanie to Washington, D.C. for her internship. Cynthia, the younger child, began college this fall and Laurie says that "it's not all bad" being alone in the house.

**Jane Olmstead Murphy** writes with the deeply sad news that her husband Paul died on May 25th after a two-year battle against leukemia. He had undergone a stem cell transplant in March but the leukemia returned. She adds, "It's so hard to lose him—we married a month after I graduated from college—we were complete soulmates." I know that our class sends collective condolences to Jane and her children. Peter is a third year law student at UGA and will be working for an Atlanta firm. Moira is a sophomore at UNC Chapel Hill where she is on the golf team.

**Jean Platt Spencer** has cut down on her teaching golf to have more time for herself. Her oldest daughter Jessica, 20, was married on August 4th in Charlottesville to Vincent Pace, a fellow student at Radford Univ. They are living in Scottsville, VA. Currently enrolled at Piedmont College, Jessica hopes to transfer to UVA to finish her Ed/Special Ed degree. Katie, 18, is in her first year at Clark Univ. in Worcester, MA majoring in engineering. Jean made the difficult decision to sell her grandparents' property—a 7 bedroom farmhouse with 7 1/2 acres which was taxing—both literally as well as in time.

**Kathy Pretzfelder Steele** and Dave are victims of empty-nest syndrome. Tracy is a senior business major at Univ. of Notre Dame and plans to attend law school next year. Kelly is a first year student at Fairfield Univ (CT) majoring in marine biology and on their varsity swim team (the major certainly makes sense!).

**Nan Robertson Clarke** reports that Hal is a lawyer at Wachovia following the merger with First Union. Their oldest, Boo, graduated from Dartmouth and is working for their Sports Information Office before becoming a teacher. Toby is a sophomore at Princeton, Charlie a first year student at W & L. Nan writes that he "talks about going to parties in the same frat basements I did ... I have not shared that with him, as it would ruin it for sure." Robbie is a high school senior, plays soccer and lacrosse and is busy with college applications. Nan assumes that this will be her last year as a full-time volunteer and notes that it is odd to be applying for jobs the same year that AARP is sending her material! She adds that it "makes you feel like you are moving in the wrong direction!"

**Scottie Robinson** (or Marcy as she is called now) is living happily in Barrington, NH with her husband and 9 year old daughter. Scottie has been writing children's books for a time and "is thrilled to report that one of my picture books entitled 'Ada's Bells' is to be published in the fall of 2002."

Sad news from **Carol Stewart Harper** in Virginia Beach who learned in September that her cancer had returned.

**Patricia Wood Wingfield** and Greg live in Richmond where Greg is president of Greater Richmond Partnership and Patricia is a performance analyst at Bank of America. Hall is 16 and a junior at Collegiate School; Caitlin is 13.

And I, **Weezie Blakeslee Gilpin**, continue to enjoy my job as Assistant Dean of Students at Milton Academy. Working with high school students makes me laugh every day and, surprisingly, the discipline cases fascinate me. Alexa is working for Americorp in Silver Bay, NY on Lake George; Blake graduated from Yale in May (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa with a BA and Masters Degree) and is at Clare College at Cambridge (England) on a 2 year fellowship. Christopher is loving his second year at Cornell and is on the squash team. Bob retired from teaching at Milton to run his business, Whereyouheaded.com, working with students who want a year off and college students who hope to transfer. He is also doing independent college counseling. Life for me at 50 is a delight and September 11th helps me appreciate each day in new ways. Eight years ago I started donating platelets for a colleague with cancer who needed regular donor platelets for some time. It has become a regular part of my life and my donation last week

brings my total to 128 donations. I would urge all of you to consider this if truly a gift of life.

For the past year, **Alison Baker** has worked as the corporate Director of Marketing for CaraVita. The company owns, manages and leases independent and assisted living communities for seniors, primarily in the southeast. Her oldest son Dylan is 16 and is thinking about the Naval Academy. Her younger son Jesse, 12, is away for 5 months acting in a regional production of "Peter Pan" in Memphis through January. Her husband Gary works with black and white portrait photography and photography for advertising. He is currently putting together a one-man portrait show called "Portrait of Senoia." Senoia is their town outside of Atlanta where they have lived since 1988.

**Anne Billings McDougall**'s daughter Maggie is a sophomore at Davidson. She sings in an a capella group called the Delilahs and is majoring in English. Jim is a high school junior whose passion is lacrosse. He attended a summer lacrosse camp at W & L last summer and Anne loved driving through Virginia for the first time in years. Jim is interested in UVA and UNC. Ed started his own consulting business last year which is going well. He is also doing some teaching at the Univ. of Florida. Anne is working on several projects and making decisions on what direction her life will take next.

**Debbie Pollock Arce**'s family has had a rough year healthwise. Her Dad is on full-time dialysis but remains "sharp as a tack." Debbie's husband Roger had a mild heart attack in June of 2001. Cory, 16 y.o. in October, is an accomplished pianist and composes and arranges music. She hoped to get her license just after Debbie wrote. Ross, 14, is the athlete and, having dislocated his shoulder for the second time playing football, was having surgery in early November. Although he will miss basketball season, he hopes to be ready for baseball season. Reed, 11, still thinks that his Mom has "reasonably good ideas and is willing to do most of what I ask him to... Too bad that will disappear in a few years." Roger gave Debbie a great 50th birthday party and she writes that "all of the events of the past year made turning 50 a walk in the park."

**Renee Sterling** is the Second Vice President at Salomon Smith Barney working as an investment counselor and guided portfolio manager. She hopes to be skiing in Andorra in January and in Aspen in February. Renee talks with **Jean Platt Spencer** and Anya Starosolska'74

From Omaha, NE, **Cindy Bekins Anderson** reports that as "older parents of younger children," she is involved in soccer, baseball, student council and dance recitals. "What we don't have in energy we have made up for in perspective!"

## 1976

**Co-Presidents: Peggy Weimer Parrish, Carrington Brown Wise**  
**Secretary: Cheryl Lux**  
**Fund Agent: Sally Old Kitchin**

Class reunions are definitely worth the effort. Our 25th was my first time back at SBC, and upon arriving and brushing away those "deja vu" feelings—where did those 29 years go?—it was worth my last-minute decision to attend. More than 52 of the Class of '76 were able to make it, along with some lucky husbands and children, many of us housed in great old Randolph dorm. We have matured into admirable women encompassing a rich variety of work and devotion to our families and communities. We have much to offer each other in the way of friendships and support. We can still party down hard, and damn but we look fine!

We raised \$121,875 for our 25th Reunion gift to SBC with 49% class participation. Many thanks to all who contributed to the future of Sweet Briar. Special thanks and congratulations to our former president, **Tennessee Nielsen**, and to her Fund Committee of **Cissy Humphrey, Gail Ann Zarwell, and Janet Durham Sam, Locrane Coleman Smith**, and former Secretary **Debbie Mutch Olander** for their time, commitment, and organizational skills. There would not have been a 25th Reunion except for their extensive work. Congratulations to our new class officers, co-presidents **Peggy Weimer Parrish** and **Carrington Brown Wise**, and to our new Boxwood Circle Fund Agent, **Sally Old Kitchin**.

Our solicitation for class notes was mailed out on that unsuspecting and fateful day of September 11th. Our class's overwhelming response is to first extend our condolences for those among us who have lost loved ones and neighbors, coupled with determination that we will not allow these malicious tragedies to change us as a liberty-loving people in pursuit of life and happiness, but instead deepen our faith in God.

**Carrington Brown Wise** in Richmond, VA truly enjoys teaching music to 5-8 year olds at St. Christopher's School. Her husband, Alex, is the president of the Tredegar National Civil War Center Foundation, a project whose purpose is to tell the whole story of the Civil War from the Union, Confederate, and African-American perspectives, the museum opening in 2003. Child news—Henry, 19, is at VMI, Anne Churchman, 17, is applying to SBC, and Elizabeth, 13, and Margaret, 10, are fine. Carrington mentions that if Annie goes to SBC, she would graduate the spring of our 30th Reunion....

**Melanie Holland Rice** in VA Beach sends greetings. Her daughter Carrington is a junior at Wake Forest. Son Tripp, now a high school senior,

and Melanie are busy making college rounds.

**Melanie Coyne Cody** in Winnetka, IL is blessed with the same husband, kids, job, and house. Daughter Caitlin began freshman year at Kenyon, Sarah, 15 is at North Shore Country Day School, and the family took time off for vacations in Utah and Green Lake, WI. She mentions the benefits of daily running and says she's "more fit than I've ever been in my life."

**Meg Shields Duke**, is the proud Middlebury mom—son Jamie is a freshman there and a noted lacrosse player. She keeps more than busy not only with family activities, but spearheading the SBC alum organization in Denver, and organizing the reception for President Muhlenfeld. She plans to attend Spring Board Meetings at SBC in April, and had a terrific time at Reunion.

**Ann Kiley Crenshaw** writes from the Winchester, VA area. Son Clarke, jr. is a senior at Woodberry Forest, is active in sports, and beginning that college process. Other son Gordon plays soccer, and between their activities and work, Ann "killed off a Volvo" in just over a couple of years. She practices law, specializes in trial work, and she and her family did manage to get away to Paris this summer for a vacation to join son Clarke. She also attended her first Reunion, and would like to keep in touch with people.

**Marsha Taylor Horton** is an educational consultant while serving as an adjunct at Delaware St. University and Wesleyan College. She and her husband Robert are the proud parents of 2 yr. old ("talking up a storm") Samuel James. She remains active in SBC affairs, recently seeing **Bertie Zotack** (Marsha says she's still the same) and Becky Dane '78.

**Ainslie Jones Uhl**, Raleigh, NC, writes that her family has been very fortunate that her husband Robert, flying from Boston to NYC that morning, was not part of that too-close tragedy. Her children, Colbern, 13, Hart, 13, Everett, 10, and Henry, 6 are great kids and excellent students. She is too busy with community projects and renovating the house. She sold some of her first art show entries, black & white photographs, and now is working on pieces for a show in spring 2002.

**Carol Wilkinson Lee** writes from Anchorage of her promotion to Petroleum Land Manager for the State of Alaska. Her husband, Gordy, changed jobs and works out of a home office as a food broker. They have also undergone the house renovation blues, "beginning to think of their contractor as a member of the family." In January 2002 they are planning 3 weeks in Costa Rica.

**Mary Woodford** enjoys finishing the last major project on the house, and contemplating the challenges of gardening after "apartment living most of my life." She enjoys work, and

played in her first business development golf outing ("I NEVER thought I'd do that"). She and husband Jim Leslie are getting used to being empty nesters after Jim's youngest daughter, Hannah, has gone off to Stanford.

**Debbie Mutch Olander** manages to work on full coursework for two advanced degrees, one in music, the other in literature, and also teach music and writing at FL State in Tallahassee. Her vacations consist of her travels to SBC for Reunion and Fall Council, but she remains enthusiastic about the fullness of her schedule, and feels "honored to have served as class secretary for the past five years."

**Norris Judd Fergeson** and family now live in the Corpus Christi area. They like living in a smaller town, although Norris "shuttles back and forth to Houston to take care of her art collectors and to do appraisals....hectic but fun." Husband Grant tries to sail as often as he can, but is very busy at EOG, and the girls are enjoying their new schools. She keeps in touch with **Lynn Kahler Rogerson**.

**Kate Kelly Smith**, living in NYC and traveling all over the country, is now publisher of **Child Magazine**. She keeps in touch with and sees **Treacy Markey Shaw** and **Janet Grainger Thompson** and **Tricia Cassidy Higgins**. She mentioned that Reunion was tremendous, and a great time for us all to catch up.

**Karina Schless**, Phoenixville, PA works for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals as "Sr. HR Consultant" and has been with Wyeth for 20 years. She rides daily, has a Percheron, and will be judging at the Radnor International Horse Show in October 2001. She vacationed in Banff, Alberta, Canada, doing multi-sports, including walking on a glacier with crampons ("fun but strenuous").

**Karen Adelson Strauss**, Winnetka, IL, has an oldest son going on the college quest, looking at the New England area, and likes cross country skiing. The oldest daughter just got her first horse, a former racer trained into a hunter/jumper, and the youngest daughter is into violin and soccer. Karen wishes she could have made it to Reunion, and keeps up with various SBC classmates.

**Demi Bowles Lathrop** lives in San Francisco with her husband Tom and their busy, active family of Henry, 17, who graduates from Cate School in Santa Barbara and is seeking out colleges, and 13 year old Nellie now in 8th grade. They are all happy and well and would love to have some SBC visitors.

**Sally Old Kitchin**, mother of our class's first SBC daughter, Mariah, writes from VA Beach that she enjoyed Reunion, that WE ARE THE BEST CLASS, so of course we won the Party Award, and that she saw **Locrane Coleman Smith**, **Cissy Humphrey**, **Carrington Wise Brown**, and **Debbie Mutch Olander** at Fall Council, and it was the first time any of them went up

to Monument Hill.

**Catherine Adams Goshorn**, who writes from the always-serene sounding "The Plains," VA, told of the tornado hitting her area and taking out the front porch, columns, "& lots of trees" from her parents' place. Everyone was fine and all is being fixed. She and her husband have a heating/cooling business, and welcomed her husband's first grandson into the family, born in KY and somewhat pre-empting our Reunion as a travel priority. Congratulations!

**Tricia Cassidy Higgins** writes of momentous changes—she married the fortunate Harold O'Callaghan Sept. 1st, and is now living in Bedford Hills, NY. She and son Timothy, 17, are adjusting to the move. Tricia has taken up golf, is college-hunting with Tim, and will be spending summers in Nantucket.

**Robin Imschweiler** of Chatham, NY says that her passion is ballroom dancing. She is teaching it and looking for a partner with whom she can enter competitions. She also continues to teach riding, and trains horses. She mentions her address will be changing to elsewhere in the Albany, NY area soon.

**Phyllis Schulman Bell** and her husband, Gene, live in "sunny and hot" Winter Haven, FL, where he works for the USDA and Phyllis enjoys domestic goddess-hood, and has inherited 2 cats and 2 dogs.

**Shelton Caldwell** is still in the NC Tri-cities area, and after 12 years with Roche Pharmaceuticals, is now self-employed and in her 5th year owning a herbal store. She educates physicians about herbal treatment and is studying to become a medical intuitive.

**Sharon Ruvane** also writes of changes—she has moved to Avon, CT after 17 years in VT. Both children are at school in CT: Gretchen is a senior at Choate Rosemary, and son Harry is a freshman at Avon Old Farms. She attended her 25th reunion at Rollins College in FL, with **Leslie Fisher Sims**, who related that their SBC year was great, but they both needed more sunshine.

**Beth Freeman Roper** lives in Atlanta and has her own business in Educational Remediation and consulting. Daughter Ginny attends North Atlanta HS—Performing Arts Magnet School. Beth sends special greetings to Peach and Stephanie.

**Gina Spangler Polley**, David, and son Frank, 14, live in Lookout Mtn, TN, where they spent the summer showing horses. They also bought a 90 yr.old house "on a whim" at auction and are now occupied full-time renovating it before they can actually move in. They also welcomed David's first grandchild this year in April—another congratulations!—and hope to travel in France this coming spring 2002.

**Ann Works Balderston**, husband Biv, and 4 children are in Pittsford, NY, where she is VP of the Board of Trustees at Allendale Columbia School

where the three youngest children, Sarah, Maggie, and John are in grades 10, 7, and 4. Son Bill is now at Ohio Wesleyan. They've visited their ranch near Moose, WY, and went to a family reunion in the BVI. They are busy raising relief funds for the victims of the Sept. 11th events.

**Liz Farmer Jarvis** in Philadelphia writes that all is well with her husband Andrew and family, but she is recuperating from misdiagnosed stress fracture, complete with cast, and is still a museum consultant. She hopes to write a pictorial history of Philadelphia's historic Chestnut Hill section. Liz has seen lots of classmates: **Lisa Schubert** in NYC, project director for the new Tibetan museum of art & philosophy; **Jill Wentorf Wright** who received her master's in Landscape Design; and **Holly Weaver** who is an accountant for an Atlanta construction firm.

**Pam McDonnell Hindsley** and husband, Payne, in Baltimore, are the parents of a W&L daughter, where the women now outnumber the men at 51%. Younger daughter Charlotte is just beginning her college search. Pam continues working in their family business, is involved in her high school's centennial celebrations, and after travels to Montreal and NYC just prior to Sept. 11th, stresses our need to "keep going forward."

**Sally Berriaman** and husband, Steve Brown of Denver visited us over Labor Day weekend—their first trip to see us. Sally walked away with the largest German brown trout ever taken out of our rocky little creek—21 inches and 3 lbs. 12 oz. taken with grasshopper bait. After shooting a roll of film recording the trophy, we settled down to barbecued trout dinner. Sally remains very active in fund-raising for the American Cancer Soc. in Denver, and Steve is an electrical engineer for Qwest. They enjoy attending the Scottish clan festivities in their area.

**Cheryl Lux** enjoys hearing from each one of you, and serving as the new class secretary. If you've heard me tout "Reunion" ad nauseum, it's because it far exceeded any expectations. We are such an interesting batch of ladies. I didn't get to bed until 5:30 and 2:30 a.m. We've earned our laugh lines and wrinkles. Some of us sound apologetic about the "same old, same old" jobs, addresses, etc., but to me it sounds like contented stability, which is the bedrock of a soundly functioning society. I won't bore you with the Northern Rockies Livestock Report, but except for severe extended drought, forest fires, and illnesses among our grandma/grandpa generation, (which in ranching means our business partners), things continue along quietly for us. As many of us have already expressed, I feel blessed with life, my husband and children, and am grateful to live where I do and enjoy my career. Keep in touch, and we welcome any

SBC visitors at the Cobb Charolais Ranch near Augusta, Montana.

## 1979

**President: Susan Anthony Lineberry**  
**Secretary: Graham Maxwell Russell**  
**Fund Agent: Cynthia "Cindi" Little Townsend**

You are fantastic! Forty-three of you wrote, called or e-mailed. The best response in recent memory! The resounding chorus of most of the mail was "looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion" and "I would love to hear from my SBC friends." Please do both. Get in touch with your friends. The horrific events of September 11th gave us great pause and a reminder that life is really way too short and it is important to keep your friends close. As for reunion, please plan on coming. We had a great time at the 20th and it can only be even better at the 25th with all of us there.

A brief snapshot of who we are in 2001:

We own businesses, work as lawyers, teachers, horse trainers, for profit and non-profit professionals; we play soccer, golf and tennis; live in 15 states and 3 foreign countries; raise vast numbers of children as both married and single parents, volunteer countless hours at school and church; we paint, weld and design jewelry. We are an exceptional group of women!

**Page Breakell Beeler** writes that you can purchase her husband Ben's recently published book *Shields of Deception* on line with Barnes and Noble. She stays busy with 3 kids in school, volunteering and playing tennis.

**Susan Lord Searles** is working part time with the FAA, which allows her to work from home and spend time with her boys Robbie (15) and Josh (3).

**Beth Bogdan Tetrault**, mother of Ben (7), works in Richmond as a Program Coordinator with Henrico Area MH/MR Services.

"News" from **Wendy Worthen Elliott** brings that of new baby Emily and renovation of an old home. She is in Columbus, Georgia working in commercial real estate for a local developer.

**Kathryn Leonard DeWitt**'s five (!) children are: Rachael, Nathan (16), Rebekah (13), Sarah and Joyce (6). An A student, computer expert, musician, soccer player and active red-head respectively, keep her and her husband, a software engineer, busy running in mini marathons and over-30 soccer games.

**Sherri Manson** is back in Philadelphia and suggests going to her business web site [www.shopufc.com](http://www.shopufc.com) to see what she has been up to.

**Mary Cowell Sharpe** sends greetings from Nantucket where she is living year-round with her Las Vegas-wed husband David (**Harriett Whittaker O'Neil** attended the nuptials) and is

pursuing writing and a consulting business.

**Amy Smith Pike** works as the Marketing Director for Groom Law Group, the nation's largest employee benefits law firm, when she is not renovating their house. She and husband Steve, who is a Lt. with the law enforcement division of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, designed a collector's edition hunting button reminiscent of those produced in the 40's and 50's.

Boston, MA brings news of **Betsy Byrne Utterback** who is job hunting, traveling and spending time in a new house in NH on Lake Winnipesaukee. Son James (19) is at Colby College in Maine, Chris is a junior at The Pennington School and Jenny is in Boston at Beaver Country Day.

**Pam Ramsdell Mitchell** teaches preschool in Tallahassee and spends the afternoons chauffeuring Elsbeth (a National Merit semi-finalist). Barclay, Tucker and Carson to soccer and swimming.

**Aimee Kass** is "house counsel" for the group SAVE WEVD in NY preventing the sale of the oldest station in New York to Disney/ESPN. When she is not legal wrangling she is tutoring secondary level academics and SAT's.

Alabama brings news of **Tucker McGowan Slaughter** who began the UAB Canine Ambassador Program at UAB hospital where she is the Patient Representative. She was in Maine this summer with **Lynne Eisel** and last February went with Lynne and **Caroline Curme Angelica** to the Westminster Dog Show.

**Alison Mitchell** is in Atlanta pursuing a non-Nursing Oncology job and while doing so is volunteering for the Meals on Wheels program at her church.

**Anne Garrity Spees** continues to kick up her heels in Northern VA but doesn't let that interfere with car-pool, kids sports and playing A LOT of tennis.

**Sarah Skaggs** writes of a very busy year for her dance company, which had big shows with great press. She modestly omitted that she was profiled in the New York Times this summer! Jane Hemenway '78 and Francie Root '80 are two of her board members and she is the godmother of Mary Gearhart's '78 son Jacob. She stays in touch with her young SBC interns who have moved to NYC, Jill Meadows '97 and Amy Sherman '01. She was in Amherst County this summer with **Jeannette Rowe** where they attended Ella Hansen Sr.'s memorial service.

**Patti Snowden Cloetingh** lives in Honey Brook, PA where she and husband David celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary. As an at-home mom she stays involved with the school, sports and church activities of her three children Caroline (12), Tyler (11) and Brett (8). She stays in touch with **Clara Jackman Garbett** who is in

Virginia.

**Holly Butler Prather** reports that the summer was grand, for she and children Kelly (12) and Drew (10) spent a month in London and Paris.

Rome, Georgia is the home to **Prudence Saunders Pitcock** who lives on a 33-acre farm with her husband, sons George (3) and Justin (12), a pregnant mare due to foal in April, her two horses and 10 four-legged boarders.

While on the subject of horses... **Karen Jaffa McGoldrick** has her dressage horse that she trained from a foal, successfully competing Grand Prix. She and Lawrence are renovating a house in Alpharetta, GA, adding a barn, full sized covered dressage area with mirrors and turn out paddocks. They also have a small pond stocked with bass and brim.

**Robbie McBride Bingham** also has horse news of Patrick (husband not horse) receiving his training license and with an older horse they bought had a win at Sunland Park and a stakes place at Albuquerque Downs. They now have four horses that keep company with Sam (kindergarten) and William (pre-school). She just finished her second year at the Farmer's Market as a grower.

There may be another SBC alum in **Janet Baldwin McCulloch's family**. Daughter Anne Lindsey (15) is interested in attending SBC. Catherine is 12 and Michael is 10. She went to Mike's 25th reunion at W&L and ran into **Susan Lord Searles** who is also married to a '76 graduate.

**Annette Teng Cheung** moved back to CA in July after spending 5 years in Hong Kong. Her daughter (14) and son (7) were initially hesitant about leaving their friends but have quickly begun to enjoy life in CA.

**Ashley Wilson Brook** writes glowingly of life in Raleigh, NC where she teaches twenty 2 and 3 year olds at an Episcopal day school—on separate days of course! Mary Grayson (8 1/2) plays the violin with the Raleigh Youth Symphony Orchestra. Last year, Sterrett (5 1/2) was diagnosed with high-functioning autism and after a difficult year of adjustment for all, he loves building things, is very smart with extremely esoteric interests! His speech is exploding and Ashley says life is never dull.

Would you ever imagine **Katie Ewald Adams** as a winter carriage and sleigh driver? In Dorset, VT Katie has sold her radio stations, bought a horse farm, is riding horses and is starting a licensing company with her boyfriend Chris to work on products for a group of southwest artists called "The Other Side of the West."

**Becky Trulove Symons** has all her family in Winston Salem now that her sister has moved from New York and they celebrated her grandmother's 100 birthday in August. Prior to that she, Don and the girls went to Alaska with

her parents where they celebrated her birthday in Anchorage, which was her birthplace.

Word comes from **Jenny Kelsey Breining** that she is swamped with volunteer work trying to figure out how to turn that into some kind of paying job. Kelsey is 15, Peter is in 7th grade and Tory is in 4th grade. She frequently talks to **Joanie Dearborn Choremis** and Mimi Walsh Doe '80.

**Sally Ann Sells Bensur** is in Pittsburgh working at Mellon Financial Bank. Her children Holly (9) and Will (7) are involved in loads of school activities and sports and Bill does investment counseling for institutional pension clients. She sees **Blythe Steere Bailey** when she comes from Minneapolis to visit her family.

**Susan Andrews Creuss** writes the very sad news that 2 of her MBA classmates were killed as a result of the tragic events of September 11th. She, Leigh, Jim (15) and Andrew (12) live in Calgary where she is involved with her children's school, the Junior League and the Newcomers Club. Andrew's school is very involved with a lap top computer program and Jim is participating in an outdoor education course, which includes a 40 km hike, and camping in snow caves.

**Susan Owen** is living in Boone, NC with her daughters Allie (16) and Burttie (7). She is a full time organic grower and was recognized this year as runner-up for "Small farmer of the year" for the state of NC. They have a big barn and welding shop where she continues to make metal sculpture. Her "Lilly Patch Farm" has 3 greenhouses, 80 chickens, fields of cut flowers and broccoli. It has been named in a grant from the Golden Leaf program to raise organic Broccoli seedlings for farmers to grow as an alternative to tobacco. If you happen to read a farm tour brochure, keep an eye out for her farm.

**Leslie "Pete" Forbert Miller** is Regional Director of Marketing for Guests, Inc., a hotel management company. The company owns the Comfort Inn in Lynchburg—she says call her for rooms next reunion. Her husband Jess had 5 by passes in the fall and is recovering nicely, daughter Vicki is (17) and Taylor (11) hung up his Halloween costume for the last time.

**Nancy White** writes from NYC that she owns her own business working as an advertising representative for three magazines and works out of her apartment. When she and her boyfriend weren't sailing their boat to Nantucket (where they saw **Marianne Hutton Felch**) they went to Alumnae College at SBC. A "significant other" first!

**Amy Bastein Heppner**, Chris and Lynch (5) live in Lynchburg where she works part time in Human resources for GE Financial Assurance as a consultant providing coaching and training for leadership development.

The City of Newport News hosted the AAU Junior Olympic Games for

15,000 athletes with **Susan Anthony Lineberry** as sports coordinator. She is the shortest one in the house as her 4 boys Cole (18), Mark and Patrick (15) and Kevin (13) grow taller and eat like lumberjacks. She and Neal spent their 20th anniversary in Cancun in May.

**Sara Lee Cowles Boteler** has moved from San Antonio, TX back to Washington where she and George are restoring a 150-year-old house. She is a partner with Fleishman-Hillard Communications, while still working as a spokesperson in the Federal Affairs office for SBC Communications.

**Judy Williams Carpenter** has been the alumnae director at St. Catherine's School for 11 years but took off some time to spend part of the summer in Maine with Ray and Melinda (12) and Hunter (16) who are involved with cross-country, wrestling and Cotillion.

Italy brings news of **Connor Kelly Harvey** and **Laura Evans**. Connor's family recently visited them in Sicily well after the eruption of Mt. Etna, which sits above their village of Trecastagni. She spent a good deal of time in the states this summer where she attended a La Leche conference and yoga classes. She reports that the military base where her husband works has been on high alert since the events of September 11 and relished the visit from her family. I can report first-hand that Laura lives in the most spectacular house in the Umbrian hills and she and her dog Ellie Mae hop in their Gator and tour her property from end to end inspecting olive trees and vineyards. Although far from home, she is surrounded by wonderful friends and extended family and throws killer parties to prove it!

**Day Pritchett Dodson** graduated from seminary three years ago and is loving her work as Director of Children's and Youth Ministries at St. Alban's Episcopal church in Washington, D.C. Carl is a banker and Katherine (16), Elizabeth (13) and Mary Louise (10) not only populate her youth groups and church school but keep her young at heart.

**Vicki Wingate Wilkes** was married to the Reverend Craig Wilkes last March. He is with Mission to the World (Presbyterian Church in America) and they are living in Columbia South Carolina.

**Amanda Steel Rich** lives in Warren, RI with her daughter Sarah (10). Her 2 favorite things are designing jewelry (she has an MFA in Jewelry Design) and being a mom but she has recently added another. She serves on the Board of SBC Friends of Art where she heads the Development Committee. I too serve on this board as a member of Amanda's committee and we spent a full weekend in NYC in November selecting works to add to the college's collection.

I am still with the Norton Museum of Art as Director of Membership and Annual Giving. Serious empty-nest set

in with the departure of Max (16) to St. Paul's School and Alex (19) is at Ohio Wesleyan University. Several months later we have recovered however, and are now quite enjoying the time spent on non-kid things! Thanks again for your great response—keep it up!

## 1982

**Presidents:** Heather Pirnie Albert,

Diane Dunaway

**Secretary:** Beth Sheets Reed

**Fund Agents:** Ann Morton Young

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**Carol Searles Bohrer**

Here are our notes: 9 to 10 pages in from the back of the magazine, how can that be? Only yesterday we were at the back, so easy to turn right to the very important news of the very important class of 1982! And here it is -

Starting with a message from one of our class pres., **Heather Pirnie Albert**, who encourages everyone in the class to give a special contribution this year to the school that helped us get where we are now and to come back for our reunion. Heather, Michael and daughters, Rebecca and Samantha, were busy last year with college hunting for Rebecca. Samantha, 6th grade, didn't think much of these trips.

**Rachel Millroad Perlman** is living in Bala Cynwyd, PA outside Philadelphia, with her husband David and their three children, daughter Sophia 12 and twin sons Jonathan and Morgan 5. Rachel is a bond trader in the fixed income area of Boenning and Scattergood.

**Ethel Burwell Dowling** and family have moved to Statesville, NC where husband Ben is the pastor of Pressly Memorial ARP Church. With Peter enjoying Kindergarten and Betsy in pre-school 2 mornings a week, Ethel is able to keep up with the household and the 3 dogs.

**Jean von Schrader Bryan**, who also has 3 dogs, writes that things in Ohio are pretty much the same for the children; Betsy 10, George 9, and Anne 8, who are loving life. As for Jean and Peter, life's a little more complicated with the process of a start-up company.

**Gracie Tredwell Schild** writes from Bonn, Germany that Christopher 3 is now in nursery school and Georg is still working in academia. Gracie continues to teach English conversation at the Univ. Somehow with being a full-time mom she's found time to take up quilting to add to her other favorite activities of knitting and bird watching.

**Patricia Whelan Schenck** has greatly enjoyed the move to Albuquerque, NM where she loves teaching HS Spanish. Her family of 7 is doing well and loving the west.

**Patsy Griffith Van Etten** has moved to Leesburg, VA, is selling Andalusian horses and is happy to be back in the south. Children, Nicholas and Riley are

now in 2nd and 1st grade.

**Claude Becker Wasserstein** and Bruce are living in London, England. Sons, Jack 3 and Dash 2 are keeping Claude very busy. She is looking forward to reading everyone's news.

**Danielle Bielenstein** has left the Smithsonian after 18 years and is now Budget Officer at the Fogarty International Center at the National Institutes of Health. **Mary 'Ande' Heckard** has had major additions to her household this past year, starting with the birth of twin boys, Christopher and Hugh, in Feb. 2001 and more recently the birth of 8 Corgi puppies. All this is added to the 6 horses she already owns. **Danielle** is the godmother to her sons.

**Heidi Slavin** and Russell were married Oct 6, 2001 and after their honeymoon cruise through the Panama Canal they returned home to Philadelphia, PA where Russell is an architect and Heidi continues to teach. They have enjoyed getting together with **Francie Mantho Belliveau**, **Heather Pirnie Albert**, **Amoret Thissell Jorgensen**, and **Gigi Harsh Mossberg**. **Deborah Price Bowman** is happy to report the birth of her 2nd child, son Kessler Price Bowman who was born 2/01. Deborah has now retired from her paying job and is busy with family and the volunteer thing.

**Rachel Giles Gronsky** is also busy with family, Jake 12, Conner 9 and Jordan 7, and their activities and volunteering but they somehow find time for camping, boating, hiking and skiing in the beautiful Seattle, WA area.

**Charlotte Prassel Fitzgerald** is keeping busy with a 3-1/2 year old even when his sisters (ages 12 and 10) are at school. Charlotte and **Molly Finney Gremm** both enjoyed the great day they spent together at SBC with **Marie Engel Earnhart** and **Nancy Daugherty Davidson** during the Centennial Celebration and are looking forward to the 20th reunion.

**Libby Lee Gant Castles** and family are doing well. Guy is in a 6 person pediatric group, Libby Lee is keeping up with the children now all in school, Mason 5th grade, Guy 3rd, Mary Etta 2nd, Gant, Ray and Clara kindergarten, and their many activities.

**Liz Hoskinson** is riding her 2 horses daily and eventing as often as she can. She is working at the Croton Watershed Clean Water Coalition in Bedford, NY, an organization dedicated to protecting the watersheds for NYC and southern Westchester Co.

**Jennifer Rae** is still living in MD where she has returned to office administration after working in publishing for 6 years. She and Luigi are planning a trip to Italy in the fall.

**Amoret Thissell Jorgensen** has left Tiffany to devote all her attention to husband, Edvard, their baby daughter, Helen Dorothea, and their 3 homes.

**Leslie Hertz** and Bob Firestone were married 10/14/01. Leslie has been

promoted to Supervisor for Special Education for the Cleveland Municipal School District. She enjoyed spending a day with **Dee J Stanhope '81** who was in Cleveland for an USO function spring '01.

**Patty Snodgrass Borda** is being kept busy at home with daughter Virginia (1) and has discovered that parenthood is by far the most grueling, yet rewarding job she has had. Like many of us, **Patty** and husband Joseph—a reporter with the Loudoun Times Mirror—are following the "War on Terrorism" as helicopters and planes fly over their Northern VA home. **Patty's** brother is a medical corpsman in the Navy stationed in Bahrain.

**Mary Montelle 'Monty' Tripp Wolfensberger** and Don continue to enjoy living in Arlington, VA and capitol city life. They both left Congress a couple of years ago. Don is Director of the Congress Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, while **Monty** is a Principal and Senior Director at the Wexler Group (a top D.C. public affairs firm) after selling her lobbying practice.

**Rosemary Hardy** is keeping busier than ever at work consulting with teachers and working with their students that have behavioral challenges. She has had a challenging year but tries to keep a positive outlook and make the most of each day.

**Cathy Adams Miller** has changed jobs within the same Healthcare System and is now the Director of Pharmacy for a small free standing Behavioral Center in Hampton, VA.

**Monika Kaiser** and family have stayed close to home this year, missing their regular trip to Europe. Instead they have been involved with remodeling their home. Monika keeps busy gardening and has now taken up tennis. She is very proud of her children who organized a penny drive at their school to help the 9/11 fund and raised over \$200.00—well done Alexa (11) and Julius (6).

**Anne Goebel Bain** and Mark bought a house in Palo Alto, near Stanford, CA, and have been enjoying doing some minor improvements. They spent Christmas 2001 in North India for a colleague's wedding; Anne is still with Morgan Stanley. She enjoyed catching up with **Jennifer Barr '83** last year. **Leigh Leibel** went to an SBC party in NYC for students and alumnae and commented that it sounds like things are quite different at the old patch these days. She's looking forward to catching up with the class at the 20th reunion.

**Rhoda Harris** writes: "We missed the summer postcard for alum news as we were on the other side of the world and would appreciate it if you could fit this news in... Our family spent the entire summer in Singapore as my husband Jim now heads the New York City research office of the Government

of Singapore Investment Corporation. We traveled with all three boys (ages five and under) to Angkor Wat, the famous temples in Cambodia. A highlight was ascending the temple complex by elephant! On the homefront, the New Jersey SBC Alums are having the greatest time and I encourage everyone in the state to participate in all the upcoming activities. We were all captivated by the President's visit last week at our fall get-together as she updated us on events at SBC. Hope you are enjoying the fall scenery in Virginia!

This has been a busy year for the Reeds, with a move along the same street. I have found that's just as difficult as across states, but I now get to decorate another house and put my plumbing, electrical, painting, papering, and tiling skills to work. The children grow; I now have a driver, watch out. It's been great being class secretary; I've enjoyed all the correspondence as our notes move closer to the center of the Alumnae Magazine each year. Hope to see you at the reunion! Has it really been 20 years?

## 1985

**Co-Presidents: Julie Shields Hickman**

**Thompson,**

**Barbara Lynn Tragakis Conner**

**Secretary: Ginger Ryon Church**

**Fund Agent: Kimberly Kay Knox**

**Norman**

First of all, I would like to thank all of you who responded and those who responded again after I lost your file. I pray for anyone reading this that you, your family, and friends have remained safe through these horrible times we are all facing around the world.

By the time you read this we will have had some new additions to our SBC '85 family to report.

**Cecily Schultz Banks** is expecting her second baby in December '01. She, husband Jonathan and Angus (2) have moved to Roxbury, CT. **Lewis Lagrone Press** is expecting her 2nd child in December also. She lives in LA with husband Evan and their 2-year-old daughter. She is the VP of Retail Marketing for MGM Home Entertainment. **Catty Hubbard Andry**, Michael and Becker have moved to Asheville, NC and are awaiting the arrival of a new bundle January '02.

**Julie Hickman Thompson** and Dan welcomed their first baby, David Forrest Thompson, in April '01. Dan is doing his Orthopedic Surgery residency at Georgetown. She sees **Vicki Vidal Blum** and Dave who also just had their first baby, a boy, in June '01.

**Mary Bliss McGrath** had a baby this summer also.

Quite a few of us are keeping up with the hectic schedules of our elementary school kids. **Jeanie Guthans Wilkins** and Richard have enjoyed traveling with their children Richard (12), Christopher (8), and Michael (5). They

were lucky to be able to observe the Space Shuttle launch. **Cheryl Fortin Young** stays busy with her kids, Tate (5th), Timothy (1st) and Kayla (4 yr. preschool) and still has time to enjoy some tennis and softball. **Elizabeth Kelly Ravitz** celebrated 15 years with AT&T but her most prize accomplishments she shares with husband William, Alexander (8), Rebecca (6), and Jessica (2). **Bill and Renata Leckszas Davis** are in Annapolis, MD with their energetic boys, James (5) and Andrew (3). She volunteers at James school and the Hammond-Harwood House when she can. **Leanne Weber Kreis** and family have added new member Lucky Charm, their puppy Boston Terrier. From Baltimore,

**Caroline Clayton Tufts** and Chris have decided to try and get back to the simpler things in life. They now home-school their 4 children and enjoy the peace of TV-free days. **Ellen Carver Burlingame** is a Project Manager for an educational grant for the US Dep. of Education/Norfolk Public Schools.

**Karla Kennedy Newman** reports that they have moved to Fort Mill, SC. She is very busy with Rebecca (8) and their twins (5) who were just diagnosed with autism—spring '00. They are making great progress in the early intervention program. Karla met a familiar face at the first Autism Society meeting, Carrie Maynard Nichols '81. **Beth Anderson Kerns** has just finished her masters in Training and Development and has taken a new position with Fidelity Investments. **Laurie Limpilaw Krambeer** had scaled back her professional responsibilities so that she can spend more time with her daughter. She still does some testing and research at the Un. of Kansas Medical Center

**Heidi Belofski Turk** reports that she is officially a van mom with 3 very busy kids. She still found time to qualify for the PA Nat'l Horse Show.

Congrats! **Laura Morrissette Clark** stays busy with church and helps out at the boys' school. Lee is in the 9th grade and Tee in the 7th. She took a trip to Italy in Oct. with her mom.

**Melissa Schoen Hitt** and family have been traveling quite a bit. They have been to Deer Valley skiing and to Kauai. She and her mom took a trip to Paris.

**Cathrien de Kruijt de Liagre Bohl** took a drastic job change from marketing to beginning a new investment business. She will be finishing an MA in Financial Economics.

**Mallihai Lawrence Tambyah** enjoys her jobs of part-time work in Teacher Education at Un. of Queensland and full-time mom to Phillip (7) and Tamara (4).

**Bobby, Frances Clardy Hooper**, Bobby Jr. (6), William and Woodard (both 4) are now in Concord, MA where Bobby is with the Defense Dept. They spent as much of the summer as possible on their new sailboat. Frances

also gets to Wash.DC a few times a year to do some political fund raising.

**Samira Akil Zaman** writes from Kuwait that she is working in Libraries Administration and studying for her masters. She has 3 boys now.

**Debbie Fischer Oleksy** spent the summer traveling with her husband and kids Sarah (7) and Emily (3) to the beach and to England. Now it's back to school at Garrison Forest where she teaches Chemistry.

**Barbara Tragakis Conner** will be attending graduate school at UVA in January. She is busy with her kids, Margaret (13) and Kit (11) and her organizational business. She enjoyed seeing **Julie Hickman Thompson**, Sam Guergai '86, and Vicki Schroeder '86 at Alumnae Council.

And we had a great time in March as **Barbara, Vicki Vidal Blum**, and myself visited **Suzanne Weaver Zimmer** in Charleston SC for a much needed girls weekend. Suzanne reports that a move is in the works for her family. They have just begun plans on a new house that will be located on the Mobile Bay in AL.

**Marguerite Ann Germain** is the Head of Dermatology at the Naval Hospital in Charleston, SC.

**Linda Manley Darling** lives in Las Vegas with her husband, 3 cats and a dog.

**Ruth Sill** is in a new house in Atlanta as well as a new job as Research Assoc. at Egon Zehnder Int'l, an Executive search firm.

**Angeleque Akin-Little** is still a professor at Hofstra Un. along with her husband, Stephen, who is the new president of school psychology of the Amer. Psychological Assoc.

**Kara Grady Godfrey** and husband made some big changes. After attending the wedding of Shauna Schoonmaker-Roberts ('84) in Cody, WY, they fell in love with the place and are moving there from Atlanta GA to go into business with Shauna and husband Paul. She also has time to show her Nat'l Show Horse.

We had a few weddings this year also. **Michelle D'Neill** and Marshall Mills were married on Oct. 6 '01 in Virginia. **Carmen Pinelli Mones** and **Brigid McGlynn Lengyel** attended. After returning from the APEC meetings in China, she and Marshall will honeymoon in Costa Rica. **Laura Groppe** was married this summer and has moved to Santa Monica, CA where she is busy consulting for companies that target the female audience. **Martha Shorter Lanier Dougherty** writes, "My life has changed rather dramatically since reunion in May 2000...on May 19, 2001, I married and moved from Birmingham AL to a small town outside Cleveland OH. On July 1, 2000, within a month of our Reunion, I attended Linda MaeVisocan's '87 (now Gabriel) wedding in Cleveland OH. Geoff Dougherty participated in the wedding and at the reception we start-

ed talking. We still haven't stopped talking...by Halloween '00, we were engaged. May 19, 2001 we were married!! And here I am today living in Newbury, OH in a house built in 1838. Life can change rapidly. I am now Mrs. Geoffrey A. Dougherty and loving it! Some of the SBC folks who attended the wedding—Linda Mae '87 (her husband, Todd Gabriel, was a groomsman), **Karla Kennedy Newman**, bridesmaid, **Stacy Zackowski Lukutski**, bridesmaid, Lucie Stephens Holland '82 who read in the wedding, my cousin Vicky McCullough Carroll '84, **Caperton Morton Andersson**, Elizabeth Hunter, and Lochnane Coleman Smith '76." Sorry for quoting you, Martha-Shorter, but it was so cute!

As for me, we have FINALLY moved to the Charlotte area and are loving it. Luckily John's job as an airline pilot has not been jeopardized since the attacks. Alexandra (8) and Chandler (5) love school and being a block from their cousins. I will be beginning the part time process of nursing school in January yet I am a little nervous about having to study after 16 stagnant years.

Last but not least, I wanted to print **El Warner's** card word for word because in our own part of the world, no matter where that is, it's probably how we all feel. "I'm writing this one week after I stood on the roof of my office building and watched life as I've been living it implode, only 20 blocks south. What is there to say now that so much has been lost, only that I'm still here and that my life, although perhaps forever changed, goes on." **El Warner** NYC 9/18/01.

May God bless each of you. Ginger Ryon Church

## 1988

**President: Tracy Tigerman Shannon**

**Secretary: Eden Zuckerman Brown**

**Fund Agent: Katrina Evans Gatti**

**Lisa-Ann Strong Acquario** has been promoted to Associate Director at the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council (NYS State Agency). She and her husband, Stephen, are expecting their second child in January '02.

**Stacey Meadows Apter** has taken on a two-year assignment with Pricewaterhouse Coopers in London. They've just gotten the family packed up, have moved into a little house in Wimbledon, and have started Joshua (4) into a new school. Tom is taking care of Abi (1) and getting the house sorted out while Stacey figures out her new responsibilities at work. She says things are a bit hectic now, but she is looking forward to getting settled and doing some traveling. **Denise Landau Blind** and her family are all well. Tyler started 1st grade and Chelsea started pre-school this year. Life is busy as she is a class mom for both. They spend lots of time together camping,

fishing, hiking and biking and will continue to travel—to Hawaii and California this year. She says the kids love Disneyland. She looks forward to seeing everyone in 2003.

**Caroline Corum** has enjoyed keeping up with **Cecilia Moore** and **Beth Stookey Sargent**. They got together in June '01 in New Orleans where Cecilia was teaching (as usual) at the prestigious Institute for Black Catholic Studies. They had so much fun they are planning another get together for 2002. They are also considering an extravagant trip to celebrate their 20th anniversary of being school chums in 2004. Can you believe it's been nearly 20 years? Caroline reports that **Beth Stookey Sargent** is still teaching in Prince William Co. Schools. Caroline has finished renovating her house in Bellevue, WA. She also tries to get in trips to Paris when she can, as her brother is living there.

**Susan Detweiler** says that despite successfully guiding Denali (Mt. McKinley) in June '01, she is bringing her far-flung mountain guiding life back to Colorado to allow for more of a personal life. She is now guiding locally and still loving the outdoor life. Susan has been enjoying her new sweetie, Mike, and they rock climb a lot together. She is in contact with **Cameron Cox Hirtz**, **Rob Barlow**, and **Jennifer Roach Childs**.

**Ashley DeVan** is still living in Austin, TX (the live music capital of the world) and loves it! She moved there in July '99, bought a house last summer, so she thinks she is there to stay for a while. She is working as the Senior Advertising Manager for the consumer business at Dell Computer and has fortunately survived several rounds of layoffs. She just celebrated her 35th birthday with **Melinda Williams**, who made the trip from Santa Barbara, where she is currently working as Kenny Loggins' Personal Assistant. They still can't believe they have known each other for 18 years. Ashley and Melinda take an annual trip with some of her friends from Richmond, VA down to Mexico to bask in the sun and enjoy a week away from the rat race.

Ashley also provided updates on the following SBC'ers: **Angie Cabell Wolkiewicz** is living in Powhatan, VA and expecting her first child early 2002; **Meg White Forsberg** got married this past year, moved to Norfolk, VA, and is working as a Yacht Trader Product Manager; **Trish Winkler Johnson** is living in MN and has two boys, Christopher and Matthew; **Mary Nelson Densmore Notaro** is living in Tuscaloosa, AL and has two girls, Hannah and Rosie; **Jenn Gregory Mosher** is living in Boston with her two boys, George and Charlie; and **Ceccy Gunn** is also in Austin, working in Advertising Sales at Absolute Multimedia. **Brooke Rinehart Dunn** is busy with Huyler (6) and Reeves (3

1/2). She is working part-time with Louise Gilliam McGrady '87 and sees Brooke Haw Spencer '89 and Cameron Clark Sipe '87 at the gym. She is looking forward to **Kem McCoid's** wedding in December '01 in St. Michael's MD and will see **Lee Carroll Roebuck** there. Her husband's, Page, business in landscaping is very busy.

**Andrea Fraley** moved back east from Colorado in April '01 with husband, Jerry, lab Nitro, and husky Ole. She is working on Wall Street for Skidmore Owings & Merrill LLP as a technical architect.

**Slaci Stockburger Fritzes** gave birth to John William Fritzes on 7/23/01. She will finish graduate school May 2002 with a Masters in Education. She hopes to teach English Literature in public schools. She is currently living in Tennessee, where her husband, Chris, teaches speech and drama at Bethel College. She looks forward to seeing everyone at the 15-year reunion.

**Carolyn Grant Gallagher** has been busy working on the Board of PTO at her children's school. She is organizing Family Fun Night October 24th for the school. Her oldest daughter, Dylan, is in her first year of middle school. Amanda is in the 5th grade. Both are doing very well in school. Her twins, Charlie and Sam, are five years old. They attend Episcopal Day School and enjoy pee-wee soccer. John is very busy with his law practice at High, Schwartz, Roberts, and Seidel in Norristown. She is still the President of the Philadelphia Alumnae Club and loves to hear from other SBC'ers at CJGallagher1@CS.Com.

**Cameron Cox Hirtz** and her husband, Tony (VMI '86) just had their first child, a daughter, and her name is Grayson Goodwin Hirtz. She was born 7/24/01! They are thrilled and just love being her parents. She stays in touch with several SBC'ers, including her roommate of four years, **Denon Freeman Kump**.

**Kate Cole Hite** says that her big news is that she decided to leave her position at the Naval Academy to be a stay at home mom. She left work the end of May and had a wonderful summer with her children. She knows this was the right decision at the right time. She went to the Centennial Bash and had a blast, but was disappointed that more people from the late 80's classes were not there. She also ran into **Lee Carroll-Roebeck**. **Whitney Bolt Lewis** has been very busy this past year. She opened a veterinary hospital with two other partners, PiperGlen Animal Hospital in Charlotte, NC. Their first nine months have been great but they hope to become increasingly busier. She also just celebrated her son's first birthday, and he has been terrific.

**Cecilia Moore** attended Fall Alumnae Council and the Cram and Center for Civic Renewal Symposia. She says both were great. She and

**Beth Stookey Sargent** had fun catching up. She helped **Rapti de Silva** drive to California this summer. Rapti got a job teaching at Ohio State University and finished her Ph.D. in Math Education at Syracuse University. They had fun on their journey. A little bird told me that Cecilia is now a tenured faculty member at University of Dayton and was awarded tenure on her first review!

**Paige Shiller Okun** says all is well in Washington, DC. They just celebrated Bennett's first birthday and Paige is working for a high-tech PR agency two days per week and loves it.

**Kristen Peterson Randolph** is great and loves living in Virginia Beach with her husband, Ran, and two boys, Ranny (6) and Christian (2). She stopped working after she had Christian and is enjoying being a full-time mother. She keeps closely in touch with **Jeanne Rovics Mexic, Laura Schumacher Kasprzak, Lisa Haggard Arnold** and **Nici Fraley Williams**. She and Ranny just got back from a fabulous road trip to NYC where they stayed with Lisa and shopped like crazy.

**Kathryn Ingham Reese** graduated in May with a master's degree in education from the University of Pennsylvania. This was quite a challenge as she was working full time and having a baby while she earned her degree. She has a daughter, Landon, who will be two years old in April and there's a second one on the way—due April 2002. She is still teaching third grade at Tower Hill School in Wilmington, DE and loves it. **Jennifer Bach Rosen** and Rob are still busy with their never-ending, room-by-room, renovation in New Orleans. Matthew (4 1/2) started pre-k at Newman this year (where Jennifer is still working part-time) and he is having so much fun! She says she never knew there were so many kinds of dinosaurs. Will is already 18 mos and working hard to keep up with his big brother.

**Kathryn Deriso Schwartz** is still living in Miami. She is working part-time and coaching the kids' soccer teams. Kacki is nine, the twins (Burgen and Webb) are seven and Chandler is 2 1/2. She sees Hildee Williams Wilson '89 at the kids' school. She saw **Grace Quirk Thompson** on Sanibel Island last year. Kathryn also is still playing tennis on a B-2 Tennis Team.

**Tracy Tigerman Shannon** is still teaching third grade, is fixing up her new house, training their one year old Rottie puppy, and helping Ryan in first grade. She loves being married to John.

**Stephanie Sage Smirnov (Will)** says that all is still fine in the Big Apple. She is still in Public Relations at L'Oréal and is getting to work on great, exciting sponsorship projects such as the Grammys and the Golden Globes. She and Max celebrated their second anniversary. She still stays in touch

with Brooke Haw Spencer '89, Kate Haw '92, and Diana Bradford Walsh '92.

**Katie Keogh Snelling** is running in her second marathon 10/28/01 in Washington, DC. Her three children, Jake (8), William (6), and Caroline (3) are wonderful. She stays home with them and hopes to go back to work sometime soon. She also says that **Paige Apple Olinero** now lives in NYC after a few years of living in South Africa.

**Stephanie Sprouse** sends greetings from Dublin, GA, her new home. She and baby Jackson moved there at the end of August and they are loving it. She is now working at the Evans Cabinet Corporation for **Katrina Evans Gatti**'s dad. Her furniture background has done her well. They move into their home later this month—very exciting. She says that Jackson is such a great, easy baby that things could be a lot more difficult. She is thrilled that she gets to see Katrina often.

**Chrissy Tellalian** opened the Washington, DC office for Sony about three years ago and continues to work for them in Government Affairs, specializing in international trade. She is thrilled to work for them, as they are a great company. She travels a lot for work and was in Tokyo last April. She recently spent a month in Europe (her third trip in nine months) starting off in Paris, then to the Netherlands, and finally cycling from Vienna to Prague. In May, she spent two weeks in Monte Carlo and the south of France. Last November, she spent another two weeks traveling through Scotland. She saw **Allison Flint Nicholson**, who attended her father's funeral a year ago at Arlington Cemetery.

**Lisa Thompson** says life has been very busy. She just finished building a house, which was a lot of work and the real fun begins with decorating. Her law practice and community projects, like the Board of Directors of her local regional theatre and the Junior League of Indian River, also keep her busy. She hopes to travel to London to visit with Stacy Meadows Apter.

**Kelly Brown Varga** is still in Germany and has moved to a nearby, smaller village. Their village is over 1,000 years old and borders the beautiful Spessart Forest. Their house stands directly beneath an onion-domed church; and she used to think that SBC's Bell Tower was loud! Her son, Jack, is five and daughter, Emery is four. They attend German kindergarten. Her husband, Geoff, is still working in Nanotechnology. Kelly keeps busy with creative projects. She also joined the local "Frauen Chor" (Women's Choir): instructions in German and songs in Latin. She has experienced nothing but friendship and support for America from their German friends since September 11.

As for me, Bill and I have opened a private practice in Arlington, VA and

are gradually transitioning our practice to the metro area. We decided that three years of small-town life was enough and we missed the city. We are enjoying city life more than ever and hope to catch up with many SBCers in the DC area!

## 1989

**President: Whitney Bay**  
**Secretary: Emmy Leung**  
**Fund Agent: Kathryn "Kate" Robinson Hillesstad**

I must start by sending condolences to all those that lost loved ones in the tragedies of 9/11. I immediately contacted many of our classmates and was glad to find everyone well. However, many of us have close connections in NYC and Washington, DC, and my thought and prayers are with all of you. One of our classmates that was directly affected, is **Tiffini Minatel**. In August, she sent news about her fiancé, Michael, and their life in NYC. He was scheduled to graduate from the NYC Firefighters Academy in October. A couple of days after the attack on the WTC, I received an email from Tiff telling me that Michael had been injured, but they were both okay. Tiff and Michael are living in a house in Astoria Park in Queens.

I have one correction from the last Class Notes. I gave the incorrect birth date for **Sandy Compton Sellman**'s daughter. Alexandra Lynn was born on 2/7/01, weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 ozs. Sandy has returned to teaching 1st Grade. **Kim Kline Malone** and David welcomed twins, Sarah and Jeffrey, to the family on 5/29/01. Big brother, Brendan, is taking his new role in stride. **Madeleine Blanchard Corbo** was promoted in July to Senior Financial Associate at the American Red Cross HQ. **Whitney Bay Shuck** is still working as a web architect at Maritz Travel. In her spare time, she is working on her own jewelry business. **JoAnn Bogolin** is in Atlanta working as a Health Care Actuary for Tillinghast-Towers Perrin. She now has two dachshunds, Daisy and Posey. **Heather Varney Rooney**, Frank and daughters, Hailey, Hunter and Ashlyn, welcomed a new baby boy, Francis "Patrick" Rooney III, on 10/7/00. **Christina Stoltz Feldkamp** and Scott had a little girl, Ariel Noelle, on 12/1/00. Chrissy is now a stay-at-home mom and loves it. Scott was on Wheel of Fortune in April, and though he wasn't the big winner, he won enough to pay for the trip and to put some away for Ariel. **Kate Robinson Hillesstad** and John are the proud parents of Kathryn Grace, born 4/4/01. Katie Grace made her first trip to SBC for Alumnae Council this fall! Kate is now working from home, giving her and Katie Grace the opportunity to go with John when he travels for his new job at American Filtrona. With all the new baby girls this year, we will have quite a few candidates for the

Class 2023!  
Take care until next time!

## 1991

**President: Karen Temple Hott**  
**Secretary: Penelope Tadler**  
**Co-Fund Agents: Nicole Jacqueline Gauthier, Elliott Pitts**

Before getting started, I wanted to thank all of my SBC friends who reached out to me during the aftermath of September 11th. The love and friendship I received from my SBC friends was a real comfort as my family and I dealt with the loss of friends and neighbors. A heartfelt thanks to you all. Now, on with the news...

**Sonia Haddad Salfity** is busy raising her two children and doing volunteer work in Omaha, NE.

**Christine Flint Canterbury** has moved back to the states! She is living in Seattle, WA, busy with her children Joseph (3) and Emma Claire (7 mos.). She has seen **Susie Sickels Dyer** and **Linda Fisher Celent**.

**Mamie Farmer Farley** had a second son Harry, on 7/1/01. Her eldest child Miller is 2.

**Dawn Monahan Nelson** has been busy raising her children, Libby (6) and Morgan (2). She is excited about her parents and Anne Crow moving back to Richmond.

**Karen Hott** has been very busy with friends from SBC this year. She attended Alumnae Council with Amy White Riley '93. Karen also attended **Lisa LaLonde**'s wedding on 10/6/01 in Austin, TX. Karen continues to work for an award winning design company in Atlanta. She also just ordered a new class banner for our next reunion. Thank you Karen.

She also reports that **Wesley Foster Huffard** and her husband Haynes are still in Atlanta and have a baby girl, Hudson, born in September '01. Wesley is an interior designer.

**Kana Roess Goldsmith** moved from the Birmingham countryside back to town. She is working as an academic advisor at the Altamont School. She is hoping to send some new recruits to SBC. Kana visited Elizabeth Mason Horsey '90.

**Sarah Clinton Larrabee** married Daniel Francis Larrabee on 5/27/02 in Summerville, SC. Kana was a bridesmaid.

**Laurel LeStrange Ashley** married James M. Ashley III 9/29/01. They bought a 10-acre farm and are raising horses and beef cattle. She invites anyone who is feeling rustic! Laurel continues to work as a therapist for mentally retarded adults.

**Bonnie Dawson** has 6 grandchildren. She is also a jack of all trades, writing for a monthly magazine, *The Review*, managing and owning apartments, selling herbs for Nature Sunshine, operating a cruise travel business and a truck company!

**Stephanie Banton Troutman** gave birth to Virginia Paige on 9/4/01. Her son Will (2.5) is adjusting to his new sister and the big move to Charlotte, NC.

**Kathryn Hagist Yunk** continues to live in Shorewood, WI with her husband Dan.

**Melissa Van Horn** is working at the Perkins School for the Blind in MA.

**Carey Bates** is working as a senior technical writer for Hyperion Solutions in Stamford, CT. She is living in Westchester, NY overlooking a lake. She is enjoying tubing and fishing. Carey is the proud aunt of 3 nieces and a new baby nephew.

**Cathi Goslau** resides on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She is still working for Fortis Benefits Insurance Company in DC. She is enjoying her new horse and visiting friends from SBC.

**Susan Sickels Dyer** moved back to Bainbridge Island, WA. She is very busy with her two sons Kenny and Teddy.

**Karen Holland** is living in Winston-Salem, NC. She completed her MBA in the spring of 2001. She is looking for **Mary Wells Hedgpeth**.

**Tammy O'Malley Fein** and husband Larry have two sons, Benjamin, 2, and Ethan born on 09/17/01. Tammy is taking some time off from her career as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, child therapist, to stay at home with the children. They recently moved to Jupiter, FL.

**Shelbie Filson** continues to work at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center. She has also been doing some on stage work as well. She was recently seen in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and "Picasso at the Lapin Agile." She is the proud aunt of two beautiful nieces.

**Stephanie Berger** just started a new job working as the Vice President for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. She took some time off to visit with **Jen Kemper** and daughter Tatum.

**Lea Renee Gardner Tikka**, with husband Ari and daughter Sophia, moved to Sydney, Australia.

**Elliott Pitts** is still a Lion Tamer in Portland, ME. She was stranded in Chicago on 9/11 and was hugged and comforted by Julie Brooks '90. Thank you Julie!

**Arleigh Davis Cobbs** is expecting her first child in January. She has been in touch with Alicia Taylor '90.

**Al Doucette's** plans are up in the air. She is currently in Stafford, VA working as an office manager and bookkeeper in a power sports dealership. She is supposed to move to Pensacola, FL with her Marine helicopter pilot boyfriend William. Plans are on hold due to recent events.

**Emily Leming** works for the EMT in New Jersey. She and fiancée, Jayme, a NYC policeman, lost their partner on 9/11. They are the brave who are help-

ing to keep NY safe. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts. Emily sends her thanks to **Laura Rose Martin, Jackie Kjono, and Amber Bennett** for their love and support.

As for me, I am teaching 5th grade gifted and talented at PS 29 in Brooklyn. I moved to Manhasset, NY in June and finally bought a new car. I have two gorgeous nephews and am glad to be with family and friends.

So many of our classmates have written words of concern, love, and prayers for those who are suffering in the aftermath of 9/11. There is a constant theme in most of the post-cards...Thank you for the love and support from SBC friends and God Bless America!

## 1992

**President: Catherine Gornot Freeman**

**Secretary: Kimberly Olmstead Calhoun**

**Fund Agents: Keely Sullivan Jurgovan Margaret McClellan Driscoll**

**Margaret Gibson** is a senior paralegal for FedEx in Memphis. She received her MBA from Union University in August of 2000 and can't wait to see everyone in May.

**Christine Davidson Allen** works as a food scientist for the Research and Development department at Perdue Farms, Inc., in Bridgewater, VA. She has a son, Mitchell (three years), who keeps her busy after work and on the weekends. Christine plans to make it to the ten-year reunion and hopes to see many of her old friends.

**Holly Caswell King** is having fun keeping up with Caswell who recently turned one. She sees **Keeley Sullivan Jurgovan** and myself from time to time here in Atlanta and she also hears from **Catherine Gornot Freeman, Harriet Farmer Hottman, Lisa Crego, and Kathleen Davis Willis**.

**Rokhsan Fallah** just bought a new house in Olney, MD, and is in the process of moving. She still works for the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) as Marketing Coordinator.

**Cara Ardemagni LaRoche** was thrilled to be in **Julie Brideweser Wingard's** wedding in June. She also hears from **Trienel Ahearn Hickman** in South Korea and enjoyed seeing **Margaret McClellan Driscoll** at SBC during Fall Council in September. Cara is teaching math at the Ellis School (all-girls) in Pittsburgh and loving it.

**Diana Bradford Walsh** married Nick Walsh on June 2nd in New York City. She had many friends from Sweet Briar attend and I was honored to be a bridesmaid. They are planning to remain in New York City and Diana will continue to work for the Estee Lauder companies.

**Anne Knoke Kohudic** has had a very busy year. She got married to William Kohudic (UVA '91) on June 22nd in Martha's Vineyard. **Carrie Bake**

**Wong, Joely Minutella Hetherington, Barbara Baisley, Toi Reynolds, and Julia Madden-Creighton** were there. That same month, she also went to **Melinda Wick's** wedding and saw Donna Peters ('91) and Nicole Gauthier ('91). Anne and Will live in Fairfax, VA, where she works for an executive placement firm in Tysons Corner.

**Julie Brideweser Wingard** is enjoying married life and trying to get settled into their new life together. They had a wonderful time on their honeymoon in Europe and saw several different countries. She and Ed are now anxiously awaiting the birth of their first child in March.

**Jennifer Toomey Driscoll** and her husband Charles relocated to Hagerstown, MD about ten months ago. They are busy with Kate (three 1/2 years) and Betsy (eight months) and enjoying their new and very family-oriented community. Keeps up with **Margaret McClellan Driscoll** almost daily and enjoyed a visit from **Diana Bradford Walsh** and her husband Nick last October.

**Jennifer Valentine VanNess** and Jim are still in Richmond. She is selling real estate and learning how to juggle work and children. Last fall, they moved out of their house to put on an addition, moved back into their home in January, and then had another baby on April 4th, 2001. His name is James Henry, for his father, but they call him Hank. Jennifer and Jim were able to get together with **Catherine Gornot Freeman** and her family for a day at the beach this summer.

**Kelly Arden** has been living in Atlanta for about 2 1/2 years now. She is working in pharmaceutical sales full-time for Schering-Plough Corporation and counseling in private practice part-time. Kelly is active in ALTA and Junior League of Atlanta, and also enjoys helping her boyfriend renovate and decorate his new house. She has plans to see **Lisa Newman Francisco** and her husband, George, on the coast of GA on their way back south in their boat.

After almost ten years working for Ralph Lauren, **Jenny Brodlieb Cacioppo** has decided to dedicate most of her time to Annabella (two years) and will save the rest for PR consulting. Jenny hosted cocktails for 60 SBC alumnae and had a great time catching up with all. She is looking forward to November when **Ann Lindquist** plans to visit the Big Apple.

**Amy Bingaman Sinclair** had an incredible season for rafting this summer. Exodus celebrated its biggest season to date with lots of single and multi-day trips. Now that the raft season is over, she is at the start of their Steelhead fishing season. The fishing will keep her busy through the end of November, and then she will get a little break before the spring steelhead fishing, which runs from February to the end of March. She has been hiking

almost every day with her dog, Daisy, and she has enjoyed the beautiful country around her. She spends her winters in McCall, ID because it offers a ski resort where she loves snowboarding and cross country skiing. As for their new "old" house, they are still busy remodeling. She invites any SBCers that might be in her area to visit, you can also check them out on the web at [www.riverescape.com](http://www.riverescape.com) or email her at [xdsamy@clcweb.net](mailto:xdsamy@clcweb.net).

**Carter Story Lloyd** had another baby, Tanner McLean, on May 17th, 2001. Her oldest son, Hunter Randolph, is three. She and Aaron celebrated their 7th wedding anniversary in September. Carter went back to graduate school where she is in her second year working on her Master's in Education, with an interest in Emotionally Disturbed and Learning Disabled. Additionally, she loves working for Frederick County Public Schools as a Special Education Teacher.

**Margaret McClellan Driscoll** is doing well in Williamsburg. Her daughter, McRae, is in preschool three times a week and her son, Parker, is a very sweet and very big six month old! Margaret recently saw **Kate Haw** in August, in New York. She is lucky to have **Jen Toomey Driscoll** and her children close by and is honored to be the godmother to Jen's youngest daughter, Betsy.

**Stacy Simpson** is living in Culpeper, VA, and working as an equine specialist for a pharmaceutical company called Intervet. It is a great job with lots of fun opportunities and allows her to travel quite often. She continues to ride and currently is working with a new project. She has been in contact with **Marilyn Adams, Megan Reed ('91), and Suzy Sickels ('91)**.

**Catherine Gornot Freeman** is really busy taking care of three children under three! Life is crazy with the boys (now 20 months) as they are really into everything and on top of everything at all times! Big sister Charlotte (three years) is quite a helper to her parents, but sometimes her brothers don't like her "assistance" so much. Catherine and Peter recently hosted a Centennial Celebration at their home for New Orleans alumnae and had a great turnout from many different classes.

**Jennifer McCallum Fulton** had a fabulous summer. She was able to participate in a class at Pat Parelli's International Study Center in Colorado with her horse, working on her natural horsemanship skills. She reports that "the weather was great and so was the atmosphere". She and her husband have remodeled yet another home, which they moved into last June. She is placing Greyhounds into forever (adoption) homes and has four hounds of her own. Jennifer recently changed real estate companies and now works for RE/MAX, which she just loves.

**Tracy L. Steele** and her husband,

Kevin, are expecting their first child in January of 2002. They too enjoyed seeing so many class members at Diana Bradford Walsh's wedding in New York in June.

As for myself, Clay and I had a busy spring and summer with nine weddings to travel to. It was a great opportunity to see a lot of our close friends. We may not be at reunion because Clay and I are expecting baby number two in the beginning of May. Although we are hoping this baby arrives a little early so that we can make it. From your notes it looks like everyone is thinking about coming. I want to encourage you to come—it is a blast! As always, I so enjoy hearing from everyone. Happy Holidays!

## 1994

**President:** Erica Q. Clayton  
**Secretary:** Mary-Linda "Molly" Morris  
**Fund Agents:** Mary C. Holmes, Elizabeth Thigpen Landry

This has been a busy, busy year for the class of 1994. I am so proud of our accomplishments and additions! Without further ado, let's begin!!

**Kim Bramley Estep** is in CT in investment banking and mortgage trading. Her daughter Morgan was born 10/00, and she and Scott are expecting another daughter on New Years Eve. Scott is a stay-at-home dad. Kim reports that she's been in touch with Lori Bahret Mote and Heather Swenberg '93.

**Lauren Van Tyle Bartolomei** is the editor of the Colorado Springs Republican Committee newsletter, but spends most of her time with sons Isaac (4 yrs.) and Graham (2 yrs.). Her husband Jake is an engineering instructor at the Air Force Academy.

**Ginger Amon White** and her husband Tony are expecting a baby in 01/02 to join their two canine children—black labs Rhett and Deke. They're still working on their turn-of-the-century farmhouse in Mooresville, NC and operating Advantage Landscape and Design.

**Katherine Lindsey Auchter** reports that life is simple and sweet in Jacksonville. Her daughter Anna will be 1 on 11/17/01, and Katherine loves being a mommy. She's been in touch with **Meredith Aikman**...Anna got her very first postcard from Katmandu. She added that **Heather Bayfield** is a rising executive with Sun Trust Bank, although she'd never admit it. Heather writes that she got her Certified Trust and Financial Advisor designation in 09/01. She spends time with Katherine and Anna and reports that Anna is gorgeous and very smart. She was at **Lia DeSimone Colbert's** house in August and loved seeing everyone there. She writes, "E-mail is good for keeping in touch but it just can't compare to actually touching an old friend. I miss everyone."

**Lia DeSimone Colbert and Liz**

**Gilgan** planned a joint baby shower for **Amelia McDaniel Johnson** and **Alison Vollmer Douglass**. Both are due in 11/01. The shower was held at Lia's house in Boyds, MD. Vixens present were: **Robyn Barto**, **Corrine Gaillard**, **Mary Holmes Slusser**, **Susan Margaret Barrett**, **Erica Clayton Wright**, **Rosemary Ratliff**, **Ashley Henderson Swigard** and **Heather Bayfield**. Lia wrote, "Everyone looked great and enjoyed seeing Allison and Amelia pregnant. It was a very Sweet Briar gathering. For example, without even planning it, Allison wore pink and Amelia wore green—and the husband and boyfriends suffered through a round of 'holla hollas'." Allison and William are in NYC, living on the Upper West Side. She's currently working as an Executive Editor at Fitness Magazine. **Amelia McDaniel Johnson** writes that Wooten is the Southern Desk Director for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, and she's working part time as the Director of Education at Christ Episcopal Church in Raleigh. They're expecting a girl in November—Virginia Wyly—and have started her early...her nursery colors are a variation of pink and green.

**Liz Gilgan** is in Boston, working for the Archaeological Association of America. She organizes public outreach programs concerning archaeology. She also spends her holidays working part time at Pottery Barn. She and **Lia DeSimone Colbert** organized the baby shower in "Nowhere, MD" and Liz wrote, "They all looked great and it was tons of fun."

**Rosemary Ratliff** is in NYC, and is studying landscape architecture at City College of New York.

**Mary Holmes Slusser** was married to Eric in Chicago on 10/14/00. She was also at the shower—"It was great to see everyone and celebrate the soon-to-be-mommies."

**Caitlin Sundby** is in Atlanta, working for Americasmart.com, and interning at CARE (an international relief organization). She also has a small web design business on the side. She's planning to start grad school next year. She recently bought a house and completely redid the landscaping. (Looks great...I've seen pictures.) She's visited **Amy Biathrow Ross** in Raleigh and had a great time with her. **Molly Morris**, Hilarie Wakefield '95 and Mary-Byrd Schroeder Braun '95 at SBC for the Centennial Gala.

**Beth Riccobono Shiffler** and her husband Paul have moved away from the boarding school world. She started a new job, teaching math at the Fenn School in Concord, MA. It's an all-boys' school, grades 4-9. She's also working on her Masters in Education and plans to finish in 05/02.

**Tysha Calhoun** is working at Dell Computers in the online sales segment, and she's been there for 2 years. She's living with Pat, her boyfriend of 3 years

and their 2 dogs and 3 cats. She lives in San Marcos, TX and spends her free time kayaking or camping. She writes, "I recently became an aunt-so for now that suffices and placates my motherly instincts." She added that she stays in touch with **Alison Chance** and **Wendy Wall Nace**. Wendy and Randy are in Birmingham, AL and are putting a new addition on their house. Wendy is working towards getting her Licensed Professional Counselor credential. She provides marital and familial therapy for adolescents and loves it.

**Kathy May** still loves CO and her job as a Corporate Events Planner for Spectralink. She spent the past summer visiting family in PA and NJ. Right now, she's training 3 foals and is in training herself for hunter/jumper equitation.

**Amy Biathrow Ross** writes that "Life is good, job is good—no complaints here." She enjoyed seeing **Caitlin Sundby**, **Molly Morris** and Hilarie Wakefield '95 at the Centennial Gala on 04/01.

**Susan Perdue** just bought a townhouse in Lynchburg, VA. For the past 7 years, she's been working for Central Virginia Community Services, providing mental health services. She and her boyfriend Tom were also at the Gala at SBC in April.

**Katherine Cook** is still working on her dissertation (of the often-changing topic) at UVA. She's getting her Ph.D. in College Administration. She's also working at a middle school in Orange, VA, teaching French. She recently started a new job AT SBC. She is in charge of organizing and teaching computer training to faculty, staff and students. She's also an EMT, volunteering with a local rescue squad.

**Betsy Lanard** is an elementary music teacher in the Philadelphia inner city schools. She also has a private practice where she provides music therapy for autistic children. She's working on her 2nd Masters in Music Education at the University of the Arts. She teaches Music and Health and World Music at Alvirnia College. Last spring, she and her boyfriend Hale went to the Dominican Republic and swam with whales.

**Amy Ross** is living in Memphis, TN teaching 2nd grade. She's also a math consultant for SRA and McGraw Hill. Amy is very involved in Junior League and is a booking agent for a local Indie band. In her spare time, she likes to travel to New Orleans.

**Katie Blaik** is in OKC. She recently started her own firm, specializing in corporate law, but including some personal injury cases. She also manages quite an extensive list of people she sends hilarious e-mails to.

**Patti Geets** writes, "I finished my MS in Oceanography, and then moved to DC to work in the Senate for a year. I moved over to a Trade Association in 1999, the National Fisheries Institute. I represent the seafood industry. I

bought a cute little condo in NW last year, and I have a beautiful dog, Caillou, that I rescued from the race track while I lived in Louisiana. I travel a lot, and see my sister (Jackie Geets-Henry '92) very often."

**Heather Roby** just moved back to DC. She does software training and curriculum design for an early childhood education company. She gets to travel often with her job, which she enjoys, but she'll be leaving her boyfriend behind. Hopefully, she says, "He'll follow me there!" She attended **Alice Windham Coleman's** wedding and saw **Dorothy Bailey** and **Christy Young McCain**

**Dorothy Bailey** writes, "I'm in my third year of Veterinary school at Virginia Tech. Only one more to go! I see **Christy Young McCain** when I go home to see my family in SC. She and Edwin are building a new house which should be done in the spring."

**Lori-Ann Harris Summers** and Paul bought a house in Pittsburgh last summer, so she's busy redecorating and gardening. They celebrated Jackson's first birthday 8/9/01. He's walking now, and Lori-Ann is very busy keeping up with him.

**Tashie Curpier Whipple** and Mike are expecting a little girl 10/01. Tashie sends a prayer for better times, filled with more peace, love, and happiness.

**Katherine Schupp** just finished her last project for Colonial Williamsburg, packed up and moved back to New Orleans. She took a 6-week vacation to Europe. Lots of highlights: riding bikes along the Danube River in Austria, sherry tasting in Spain, seeing where "The Talented Mr. Ripley" was filmed in Italy, and wine tasting in France. "Unfortunately," she writes, "now I'm back in reality." She's hoping to finish her thesis so she can graduate by December and start her job hunt.

**Jamee Thompson Briggs** and her husband John are still living in Evergreen, CO. Their son Jackson Provine Briggs was born 11/6/00. "He's growing like a weed, and could not be a happier baby." She encourages anyone venturing out west to please give her a call.

**Jodi Szuszczewicz McGee** and her husband Brian welcomed baby #2, Garrett Glenn on 4/19/01. "Megan is an amazing big sister." They completed construction on their home last August. It's located near Gilbert's Corner in Northern VA, and visitors are always welcome!

**Kim Szuszczewicz Snead** and her husband John are expecting their first child in 04/02. They're heading to Vegas for the CorporateSports Challenge in 11/01, and plan a relaxing trip to Amelia Island, FL in 12/01.

**Carlene Harper Sumner** is in Utah, selling real estate with Prudential. She and her husband Richard are expecting their first child in 04/02. "I'm sure it's a soccer player, considering how much kicking it's been doing during our ultra-

sounds." Carlene recently talked to **Jennifer St. Julian Wooden**, and reports that she is expecting her 4th child in January. Jennifer is still homeschooling and living in Houston.

**Kelleigh Smith Sommer** is a pricing analyst with Clarke American (a check printing business). Her son Sam is almost 2, and she and her husband Richard recently bought a piece of land out in the country and hope to build a house there in the future. They're still in San Antonio.

**Shannon Hetcel Dykes** writes that Carter will be turning 5 in 04/02. Jim is still working on his MBA in Winston-Salem, NC. She is teaching at a local Montessori school, and is planning to start graduate school in the next year or so.

**Linda Lombardo** is in her 3rd year teaching at IB Middle School in Davidson, NC. Her son Daniel is a Jr and an RA at UNC Charlotte. David is a Sr in high school and is planning to go to UNCC in the fall, and Mark is in the 7th grade this year. ("They all say hi to Nessim and **Beth Riccobono Shiffler!**")

She writes that Tony is just fine, and they loved coming back to SBC for the Centennial Gala in April.

**Korina Adkins** is working as a web designer in Alexandria, VA. She's seen **Cara Gunther Waterhouse** recently. She and her Significant Other have been together for 2 years now, and they adopted a Dachshund named Jerry.

**Amy Loux** is working for a consulting firm, overseeing product management and desktop publishing. She and her partner of 5 years are renovating a house that they're hoping to move into by the end of 2001. She saw **Cecile Berthelot** and **Andrea Buck** when they traveled through San Francisco and she reports that both are doing well.

**Vicki Sebastianova** is living in Charlottesville. She got her Ph.D. in Slavic Languages and Literatures in 2000. She teaches Russian language and literature at UVA and works for a publishing company in town as a web editor.

**Hopie Carter** is still at Tiffany's. She has 2 Christmas card designs in 2001, and is working on baby china patterns. She writes, "I'm constantly amazed that I am actually paid to draw and paint!" She's working on some of her own projects-couture baby onesies that are sold in boutiques in NYC and SF, and she's planning to launch her own line of stationery and holiday cards soon. She writes that she's a yoga fanatic, and she's recently been volunteering, planning art projects with an all-girl group through a foster care project in Harlem.

**Vinca Swanson** had an art show at her studio in downtown Seattle, and another in Atlanta this summer. Most of her works sold. She's been getting steady commissions as well. She's planned 2 more shows, one in 01/02 and one with **Jane Rabadi** in 03/02.

She's still playing and coaching lacrosse. This is her 5th season at UWA, and she's been the Northwest Lacrosse President for 3 years. Her Ultimate season just ended, so she's looking forward to the ski season. She's planning some glacier climbs in the Cascades-she's got some new equipment she wants to try out. And when she has some free time, she writes: "Oh yeah-I'm still working full time at the law firm, too...but that's hardly anything you should put in print."

More baby news: **Renee Brooks Frederickson** and her husband David had a daughter Caroline, born 05/29/01. And **Kim Mounger Storbeck** gave birth to Lily Matilda on 10/11/01.

**Alex Stewart** writes, "I am still in Raleigh, just started a new job as director of marketing and sales. It is going to be really busy but fun-traveling a lot for work right now, but it should settle down soon. I still volunteer a lot for the YMCA (I just left that job after 6 years). I spend a lot of time hanging out with **Stephanie Pappanikou**. I talk with Kathy a lot and just got back in touch with Katie Blaik. Hopefully we will be planning a trip together in the spring. I'm planning a big Thanksgiving with my sister Nicky '95 and her husband here in Raleigh."

**Angie Carpenter Good** reports, "I finally have a new job with the National Symphony Orchestra in the Artistic Administration department. I've been with them since February and I love it! I'm still at the Kennedy Center, but am now affiliated with the National Symphony. My husband, John, and I are doing well since moving into our new house a year ago. We are expecting a baby boy on January 1, 2002. It's our first baby and we're really excited!"

First of all, I want to thank EVERYONE in the class for being so great about class notes this year! I love having so much wonderful news to share! Keep them coming! As for my life—I stepped down from my job, and I am now a full-time student again. I have several studio art classes to take at Ohio State and then I'll be applying to their graduate program in Art Education in 04/01. When I'm finished, I'll be licensed to teach art in public schools in Ohio. I'm truly enjoying the experience of OSU. It's a big change...going from 600 students to 40,000! It makes me appreciate Sweet Briar in ways I cannot even begin to put into words. I've been back to SBC twice this year, and I encourage anyone who has a chance to go. There are so many changes taking place on the campus—they are renovating for the Historic District, the new Student Center is underway, they're re-doing the drive on to campus-lots to see and do. The Centennial Gala was AMAZING. Sweet Briar knows how to throw a party. Please keep in touch-my email is mollymorris@earthlink.net. Don't forget to have copies made of anything you

want added to our class scrapbook—I'll take submissions at any time!

## 1997

**President: Ann MacDonald Carter**

**Secretary: Kerri Rawlings**

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Greetings! I hope these notes find you all doing well and preparing for our five-year reunion, May 17-19, 2002. I'm writing these not long after the September 11th attacks so I would like to start out by telling you that to my knowledge all of our classmates are safe and sound. There are a few of us with direct ties to the military retaliations so I'll begin with their news.

**Jennifer Wagner** is a Captain in the U.S. Army, serving as a JAG officer at Ft. Jackson, SC. She writes, "I love practicing law for the Army because I feel like I am making a difference."

**Angela Williams** is working at Ft. Meade, MD, as a RU linguist/analyst serving in the Navy. She has been there for two years and says she has not seen any classmates since graduation. She's close to Annapolis so look her up if you're ever in that area!

**Ticia Harbour Berg** and husband Scott are now stationed in Jacksonville, FL. Scott was moved to a new squadron of S-3s and is currently deployed on the USS Roosevelt. Ticia is a proud Navy wife, but misses him nonetheless. They just bought their first house and have a yellow lab named Jake. He keeps her occupied when she isn't busy working or volunteering with the Junior League. **Julia Ingelido Kellner** and husband Mark have been reassigned to Colorado Springs from England. Mark is a Major in the Air Force and Julia loves her job as a 3rd grade teacher. **Amy Campbell**'s brother is a Marine and was called to assist in NYC the day of the attacks. She also wrote that she received her MA in Government from UVA 5/01 and is now living in Arlington, VA, and working for the consulting firm Reingold in Georgetown. She is rooming with two friends and they have "a cute little house and a cat." Thanks to each of you for your service and sacrifice. GOD bless you.

**Paige Peabody Yager** reports on her family's recent move to the Chestnut Hill area of Philadelphia and the addition of a son, Spencer, 1/01. She says his big brother, Sebastian, 3, thinks he is just great! She would love to hear from any SBCers in the area. **Tyler Louthan** is training horses on a farm in Charlottesville and teaching lessons. She says she is foxhunting, eventing, and having a great time!

**Robin Beaulieu Ellef** was married 6/01 to Peter in West Hartford, CT. **Gina Miller** and **Rachelle Colquitt** were in attendance. She is currently teaching preschool in Farmington.

**Jill Butcher** finished her MLS at Rutgers and after a family vacation to Hilton Head, SC, she plans to find a job

at either a public or academic library. She remains in touch with **Jill Gavitt**, **Kathy Johnston**, and **Jenn Wagner**. She is planning a trip with her mother to visit Jill G. and her mother in Newport, RI, around the holidays. **Jill G.** is teaching middle school Spanish in East Lyme, CT, and living in New London. Last year she helped the students put on a performance of *Guys and Dolls*, which was "the most rewarding I've had in my teaching career." She also keeps busy with dance and yoga classes. **Kathy** is still living in DC and working as an international economic development consultant at SRI International. Her job provides her with lots of variety and lots of travel. In this past year she has made several trips to Beirut, Lebanon, and vacationed in Germany. Ballet is still an important part of her life, as she takes classes whenever she has the time.

**Christina Benson** lives in NYC and has a job with the Development Bank of Japan. She sees **Jill Meadows** and **Nessim Al-Yafi** in NYC and keeps in touch with **Becky Moals**, **Tasha Swales**, and **Vaiana Territehau** who all live in the DC area. **Heather Benhard**

**Zander** married Duke 9/99, and had **Nicole Kelleher** as a bridesmaid. Heather and Duke live in L.A. while Duke finishes dental school at UCLA and she works as a pharmaceutical representative for GlaxoSmithKline. She hopes to move back to VA or NC at some point. **Nicole** has started medical school at MCV (class of '06!) and is still working for LifeNet and volunteering as a paramedic at the local rescue squad. She is still dating her beau of 3.5 years and keeps in touch with many classmates. **Holly James**

**McMickle** is still in Falls Church with Mark and their two dogs. She is in her 2nd year of law school at George Mason, and enjoying her work as a legal recruiter for a large DC law firm. They vacationed in New England with **Gina Miller** in August. She is also in touch with neighbor **Kristen McCowan Hartley** and **Nicole Thea Galenes** is in Gainesville, FL, with a new job as managing editor at Naylor Publications. She keeps busy with mountain biking, photography, yoga, and learning to play the guitar. She says she is very happy with where she is in life, both professionally and personally.

**Molly Cameron Dreux** will receive her MBA from U of R 12/01 and works in marketing in Richmond. She is enjoying married life with Marc (HSC '98). They were married 7/00.

**Stephanie Pappanikou** is living in Raleigh, NC, and working as Asst. Manager of an Apartment Community. She is having fun as an amateur again after several years of teaching and working with horses. She still has her horse and keeps in touch with **Leigh Wilson** and **Alex Stewart**'94. **Jeni Brundage Turner** is living in Houston, TX, with husband David. She is an

assistant with the firm of Houssiere, Durant, and Houssiere, LLP. **Lucinda Polley Howe** is living Montgomery, AL, and is the proud mother of Sarah Elizabeth, born 1/01. Sarah is ready to crawl—something mom is not yet ready for! Lucinda reports that she is loving her new job as a stay-at-home mom.

**Amy Everett Carter** was married 3/01 in Sante Fe, NM, to Daragh Carter of Ireland. They are living in Dallas, TX, where Amy works as an event planner/project manager for SANS Institute. They will take a six week trip to Asia, Australia, and Hawaii in Jan.'02, and they can't wait! **Elizabeth McIntosh** is in her 1st year of the Clinical Psychology Ph.D program at American U. and is living in DC. She will travel to visit Amy and Daragh in Dallas 10/01. **Connor Louis** will marry Martin Guntrip 10/01 in Miami, but they will continue to live in London. Connor will be the stepmother to Robert, 12, and Becky, 10. Many SBCers will be in attendance, including **Melanie Chriscoe, Kathryn Cunningham, Susanne Nitong, Maia Pearson and Alexa Schriempi**. She continues to work for monster.com's parent company, TMP Worldwide.

**Kate Hall Lombardi** and husband Ben are looking forward to celebrating daughter Grace's 1st birthday 2/02. Kate has also taken on the task of co-chairing our Reunion Gifts Committee with **Becky Moats**. Their committee will be contacting you soon! **Ann MacDonald Carter** and husband Michael have settled into their first home in Lynchburg, VA. She says she is keeping busy with all things Sweet Briar and her position on the Board of Directors of the Junior League. **Katy McCartney** has finished her Masters in Education with an emphasis in Counseling and will be moving to Durham, NC, following her 11/01 wedding to David Gilliam. **Lanis Addison Rollins** is living in L.A. with husband Wayne. They moved 8/01 and are living in the Hollywood Hills area.

**Alicia Allen** has moved to Chicago and is currently looking for a job. She had a great time at Centennial and was happy to be able to join **Cristy Jordan** at her family reunion 8/01. Living in Elkton, MD, is **Kerry Thacker Gilbert** and her husband of 3 years. She is the branch manager for Enterprise Rent A Car, which keeps her very busy. **Desiree Valenzuela Gribschaw** wrote from her home in Clarksville, TN. She and her husband are very active in Officer's Christian Fellowship and she serves as Financial Secretary for their church. They own a rental property of 4 townhomes, and Desiree is working in the mortgage financing industry. She also reports of a family addition—a lab puppy she says has postponed any thoughts of children for a few years!

**Alison Burnett** has been working for Illinois House Republican Leader Lee Daniels as a Staff Attorney for over

a year and absolutely loves it! **Cape Healey Boyd** is also working in the political world as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Senator Chris Dodd. She lives in Falls Church with her husband Brian. They were married 4/01. **Ann Barrett** and **Bhavi Patel** were bridesmaids. She says that it has been an amazing year for her! **Gail Mesdag** is still in AK and working as a bookkeeper for Juneau Trial Courts.

**Katrina Balding Bills** is living in Leesburg, VA, with Kevin and a small zoo of animals, including her horse Fella (also a SBC alum!). She is enjoying her success as a Mary Kay consultant. Fox hunting and riding daily keep her busy while waiting for her 2nd free car to arrive from MK. She was a bridesmaid in **Cassie Thomas Campbell**'s wedding to Jason and enjoyed visiting with the many classmates who were in attendance. **Dr. Cassie Thomas Campbell** finished vet school at VA Tech and is now working at Peaksview Animal Hospital in Lynchburg. She writes, "Jason and I are living happily ever after in our home in Amherst. The wedding was wonderfully romantic!"

**Amy Cook Rexrode** married Jason 7/00 and they just purchased 15 acres on a mountaintop in Petersburg, WV. She is a K-3 Reading Specialist and was recently appointed to a public relations committee for the WV State Education Assoc. She keeps in touch with **Margaret Jenkins, Kerry Coleman**, and me. **Kerry Coleman** is engaged to Steven Proksch and is busy planning their 7/02 wedding at the SBC Chapel. She received her Masters of College Student Affairs Administration from UGA and is currently working in Admissions at SBC as Asst. Director of Operations. **Lisa DuCharme** is still living in Boston with **Katy Seder** and working for Fidelity Investments. She thoroughly enjoyed SBC's Centennial Celebration 4/01. **Lindsay Rollenhagen** just began her 4th year as a teacher at Otter Valley Union H.S. in Brandon, VT. She is teaching 10th and 11th grade social studies. Over the summer she went to Athens, Greece, on a short-term mission serving refugees from Iran, Iraq, Albania, and Afghanistan. "It was an absolutely amazing experience and LORD willing I'll be going back!"

**Sarah Betz** is busy planning her 6/02 wedding to Paul Bucciero (Clemson '97) in DC, and working on house plans for the home they are building. She is now living in Charlotte and working on her Masters of Education in Secondary English at Winthrop University. She sees **Annette Dusenbury, Melanie Chriscoe, and Mary-Byrd Schroeder Braun '95** on a regular basis. **Katie Clarkson Robertson** is in Winston-Salem, NC, and working as a Project Lead for Wachovia Corp. Her husband Mark is now managing their horse breeding farm full time. **Alison Hall** is still in Auburn, living with her sister, and

working as the Cultural Arts Director for the city. She is starting to look for jobs in a new city, perhaps in NC or SC. As for me, I'm now living in Somerset, PA, and working as Asst. Director of Alumni Programs at Frostburg State University in MD. I'm also very busy preparing for my 12/01 wedding to Chris Burther in Hagerstown, MD. Alison will be my maid of honor and Katie Clarkson Robertson, Amy Cook Rexrode, Melanie Chriscoe, and **Jessica Hiveley** will all be my beautiful bridesmaids. Many other SBC friends have been invited.

The next time we share our lives with one another will be at our five-year reunion, May 17-19, 2002. I hope each of you will mark your calendars and make every effort to attend. Catching up in person is much more fun than reading a few lines about a friend's life in the *Alumnae Magazine*! I know I can't wait to visit with each of you in the spring!! Until then, take care and GOD bless!

## 2000

### Secretary: Alison Stockdale

**Marlena Koper** is currently enrolled as a Masters Student in the Zoology program at Miami University in Ohio. Marlena is studying spiders and different aspects of terrestrial ecology. Marlena also writes that she misses everyone.

**Liz Keating** is a ninth and tenth grade English teacher at Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, MD. Liz lives with **Tarrah Kehm**, who is working for the Washington Times. Tarrah is currently on a special report project in Ecuador.

Also out of the country, **Katie Cesarz** writes that after a year of substitute teaching, she has decided to go to grad school and is currently attending St. Andrews University in Scotland for a Masters in Art History.

**Sarah Lester** is still living in Lynchburg, VA, working at her mother's art gallery and studio, Spun Earth Pottery. After working through the application process for over a year Sarah has been accepted into the Peace Corps. She will be leaving for the Philippines in 1/02 where she will be teaching basic small business skills.

**Holly Wilmeth** has another year in Hokkaido, Japan with the JETS program. Holly will be finished in 7/02 and is excited about doing something new. Holly has also been doing research on Cambodia and traveled all summer 2001 in East Asia where she saw **Benedicte Valentin** for a little in Bangkok airport between different destinations!

**Melissa Fauber** is currently teaching second grade at Pleasant View Elementary in Amherst County. She is working on her M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from UVA with an anticipated graduation date of 5/02.

Also Melissa will be married on 6/29/02 to Jack Carter (H-SC '00). Bridesmaids will include Tracy Kitchen Harris (SBC '99) and Carla Fitzgerald (SBC '01).

**Lucy Brooks** is teaching 4th grade at Smith-Barnes Elementary in Stockbridge, GA and loving it! Lucy is in school for her teaching certification, and will enter a Master's program in Fall 2002. Lucy writes that her sister Leah (SBC '01) is working as a Financial Advisor in Atlanta/Marietta, and is doing well. Lucy talks with **Christine Bump** fairly often. In 8/01, Christine completed the master's in public health portion of her joint JD/MPH degree at Emory University. While getting her master's she had the incredible opportunity to work at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. Christine began her first year of law school 8/27/01 and loves it so far. She says it's time consuming but she's thriving on the subject matter. Bump is also singing with a community choir and was a bridesmaid in **Emily Taylor's** wedding to Jim Boatright in 6/01. Bump keeps in touch with Taylor, as well as **GINNIE GILBERT**. Bump writes that she is pleased to hear that our class is doing so well!

**Erin Wright** lives in Fairfax, VA with Sarah Foley (SBC '01) and works as a programmer for SRA International. Erin is coaching the JV girls soccer team at Westfield High School and a U-17 girls select team from Reston, VA.

**Katie Wright** is keeping busy at a Public Relations Firm in Alexandria, VA and recently received a promotion. Katie is working with a new group called the Foundation for the Defense of Democracy, which is a think tank focused on researching the best way to eradicate terrorism. Katie works with people like Steve Forbes, Jack Kemp, and Cliff May (former RNC Communications Director). Katie also works with other well known conservative commentators like Ann Coulter, Robert "Bud" McFarland, and Brent Bozell. Katie has moved back to her home town of Warrenton, VA and loves living out in the country again. Katie keeps in touch with **Jackie Hauslein, Ashley Hill, Emily Pegues and Carol Skriloff**, and can report all are doing well.

**Carol Skriloff** is still living in NY working for Smith Barney Asset management as a Portfolio Associate. Carol had been working in one of the World Trade Buildings on the 42nd floor on 9/11/01. Carol writes that her whole world has been changed since that day and she is currently in an emergency recovery center in NJ but should be going back into the city soon. Carol is still playing soccer and is going to New Orleans with **Renee Dupre and Laurie Evans** in late 10/01.

In 1/01, **Sarah Ogden**, her husband and 4-year-old son, Jamie, welcomed their second son, Will into this world. All are still living in Amherst, VA. Sarah

is still working at R-MWC as the Assistant Registrar.

From up north **Vicki Zak** writes that she is living in Providence, RI, near Brown University, and working at Fidelity Investments as a financial representative. In summer 2001, Vicki had the chance to explore Maine and their lobster. Vicki plans on spending this winter on the ski slopes of Vermont and Canada with her boyfriend Ben, who's an avid skier.

**Sarah Moshenek Ponton**, living in Schuyler, VA, is teaching French at Nelson County High School. **Anne Torrence Camden** is also teaching in Nelson County, VA at Tye River Elementary School where she is a fourth grade teacher. Anne is also taking graduate classes at Lynchburg College.

**Alicia Hart** writes that she is engaged to Michael Palmore (HSC '97) and will be married on 7/20/02.

**Lacey Banis**'s name is on the masthead of US Weekly, as a Researcher. Lacey got engaged to William Yarnall, Jr, and a wedding is set for 10/19/02.

**Melissa Bellan** is in her 2nd year of law school at SMU. She is doing law review and participating in moot court and mock trial with both on and off campus teams. Jeremy and Melissa are enjoying Dallas, TX and just got a puppy. Melissa is also job searching for the summer.

**Laura Wessells Rose** is still living with husband Byron in Colorado Springs, CO and recently bought a house. They really love it. In 7/01, they went back to VA to visit family and friends. Laura caught up with **Sarah Cunningham** while there. In 8/01, Laura started a new job at a school. Laura and Byron have visited Santa Fe, NM and have also been taking advantage of local attractions, like Pike's Peak. Laura is going to give skiing a try sometime this winter and hopefully won't break anything!

**Mo Robertson** writes that she has received her first promotion in her first job and her first raise is in the works. Mo is a Medical Programs Coordinator for Georgetown University Hospital. Her primary responsibility is organizing the hospital's Grand Rounds. The Hospital has 43 different departments that hold Grand Rounds weekly and Mo is very busy. Outside of work, Mo has been attending a Bible study group every Tuesday where she sees Melissa Henning '99 and Tina Hansel '99. After recent events, Mo is currently seeking new employment which will allow her to directly impact peoples' lives.

**Anne-Ryan Sinnott** is working at a back-up Child Care Center in Washington, DC and is also in graduate school at Marymount University focusing on the education of learning disabled students. Anne-Ryan keeps in touch with **Kimberly Earehart, Holly Wilmeth, and Katie Cesarz**.

**Alissa Harris** is living in

Washington, DC working for a television production company and working on an independent documentary project. The documentary is about a community theater company performing "Comedy of Errors". Alissa is applying to film schools and planning on relocating to Boston in 2002. Alissa keeps in touch with **Jessi Livingston** who is in CA working for an outreach program.

**Amanda Ankerman** is currently on a rotation in DC this winter, working in International Agreements for the Navy. Amanda continues to take courses towards a Masters in International Management. During summer 2001, Amanda was able to visit with **Evangeline Easterly**, and in 5/01 had a mini-reunion with some SBC-ers in Nashville, TN.

**Dina Orbison** writes that she is still working at Disneyland with the horses but is looking into internships/grad schools. Dina is also training horses and teaching some kids with her trainer in California.

**Amanda Atkinson** is working on her masters degree in higher education administration at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. To support herself, she is working in residence life at Simmons College, a women's college in the Fenway area of Boston. Amanda also writes that over the summer Noah had **Jackie Chatham** write a song for one of Noah's children's productions, Rapunzel. The song was a hit with the actors and audience. Jackie has a very professional looking website at [www.jackiechatham.com](http://www.jackiechatham.com).

**Alison Cooper** moved to central Florida this summer after spending the spring teaching environmental education to visiting school groups at a camp in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. In fall 2001, she worked on a crew to connect different sections of the Florida National Scenic Trail. In time, this trail will hopefully span the entire state.

**Gregor Lee** is working in bank marketing and dancing with a modern company in Asheville, NC and still dating Justyn. Gregor keeps in touch with **Laurie Evans, Renee Dupre, Tara Putegnat**. Tara has graduated from the University of Texas and is currently teaching at a private elementary school in Brownsville, TX.

In 8/01, **Emily Pegues** started working in Alexandria, VA for Art Services International with alum Lynn Rogerson '76. Their organization organizes traveling art shows for museums around the world. Emily is learning how to produce the exhibition catalogs. Emily is living with Erin Vlasaty '99.

**Kibbyjane Bryenton** was wed to Donnie Fergusson on 10/6/01 in Asheville, NC. Donnie and Kibbyjane live in Virginia Beach, VA and Kibby works for Ethan Allen.

**Susan Bobb** is in Charlottesville, VA at UVA getting her masters in linguistics and is happy to be back in VA

again.

**Tatum Webb**'s mom emailed me and says that Tatum is enjoying her Peace Corps assignment in Micronesia. She is working in their environmental program on the island of Palau.

I see **Beth Rice Kinnaman** often and know she and husband Justin are expecting their second child in 3/02. Beth and family still reside in Woodbridge, VA.

**Petrina Johns** writes that it's always refreshing to hear from SBC. In 5/01, Petrina purchased a three bedroom, two bathroom house in New Orleans, LA.

**Kim Harden** is in the 2nd and final year of her master's degree program in school counseling at the University of Maryland. After graduation in 5/02, Kim is planning on traveling over to Great Britain with **Kristen Lawlor** to visit **Katie Cesarz**. Kim also still keeps in touch with **Ginny Gilbert**, who is now living and working in the DC area.

**Anita Allen** is residing in Mitchellville, MD. Anita is working for the Office of Personnel Management in Washington, DC, where she drafts and enforces human resource policy for all government agencies.

**Andrea Fulgham** writes that in 5/02, she will receive a masters in Health and Kinesiology with an emphasis on Sports Psychology from Georgia Southern University. On 7/13/02, Andrea will wed Brian Copeland in Richmond, Virginia.

**Bénédicte Valentin** interned as a reporter at her local newspaper in Limoges, and is now doing an internship in a small publishing company in Paris (until 12/01). Bénédicte should be graduating from "Sciences Po" in 7/02. She attended Sophie Simonard Norman's ('97) wedding in 9/01 in Paris.

**Noelle Lotano** writes that she and Kent Speedy are getting married May 25, 2002.

As for me, I am currently employed as a Special Investigator for United States Investigations Services. My company provides background checks for the federal government. My boyfriend, Scott Sisk and I recently purchased a home in Woodbridge, VA and were delighted to have some SBCers over. Keep the updates rolling in, I love hearing what everyone is up to.

# Nannette McBurney Crowdus '57

When Nannette McBurney Crowdus '57 ascended the steps of the U.S. Capitol on October 18, 2001 as a national spokesperson on behalf of all charitable organizations, she was carrying on a long tradition of Sweet Briar advocacy for philanthropy. A retired marketing executive, a former Alumnae Association president and member of the Board of Directors who now chairs the Planned Giving Committee, Nannette was in Washington to promote legislation on charitable donations, specifically, the IRA Rollover for Charitable Purposes which is part of a bill referred to as CARE. The bill, which enjoys White House and bipartisan support, is on the Congressional legislative schedule for discussion during the spring 2002 session.

"Passage of this legislation would allow individuals 67 and older to make either an outright gift to a charity from an IRA or to roll it over into a charitable remainder trust from which they receive lifetime income. The possibilities for change are enormous. Even now, though," noted Nannette, "charitable gifts of retirement assets—IRAs, 401 (k) plans and other retirement plans—are a sound estate planning strategy, allowing donors to use assets that are subject, in certain circumstances, to up to 80% taxation if left to heirs other than spouses."

President Elisabeth S. Muhlenfeld praised Nannette for her involvement in this pending charitable giving legislation: "If this bill passes, it will make available trillions of dollars in retirement assets nationally for donors to use during their lifetimes—and for our alumnae to make gifts that will provide scholarships, program funding, and capital needs to maintain the quality of education and co-curricular life at Sweet Briar College."

"Passage of this legislation would allow me to go gangbusters and really get my scholarship going."

— Nannette M. Crowdus '57



Nannette Crowdus

Nannette created an endowed scholarship in April 2000 in honor of the presidents of the Alumnae Association of Sweet Briar College, with preference given to students majoring in European history or international affairs. "Being able to donate directly to my scholarship from my IRA now would allow me to go gangbusters and complete my multi-year pledge of \$100,000 so that students could begin enjoying its benefits sooner," she noted. In addition, Nannette has made Sweet Briar a beneficiary of her IRA after her death.

"As president of the Alumnae Association, Nannette was tireless in her work for Sweet Briar, traveling extensively to Alumnae Club functions. She was also instrumental in passing a comprehensive strategic plan for the Association, and was responsible for soliciting the funding from an anonymous donor to renovate the former Boxwood Inn as the Boxwood Alumnae House," said Director of the Alumnae Association Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80.

"Nannette lives, breathes, and eats Sweet Briar," says classmate Nancy Godwin Baldwin '57. A Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude graduate, Nannette was a British history major who served as editor of the *Sweet Briar News* and was elected to Tau Phi and the May Court, as well as participating in many other activities as an undergraduate. Since graduation, she has served her class as president and reunion gifts chairman. While on the Board of Directors, she served on the Executive and Finance and Investment Committees and chaired the Admissions Committee. She will be honored at her 45th Reunion in May 2002 as the recipient of the 2001 Outstanding Alumna Award. With her husband, Bill, she has retired from Michigan to Madison, Virginia, to be closer to children and grandchildren in Washington, D.C. and Connecticut.

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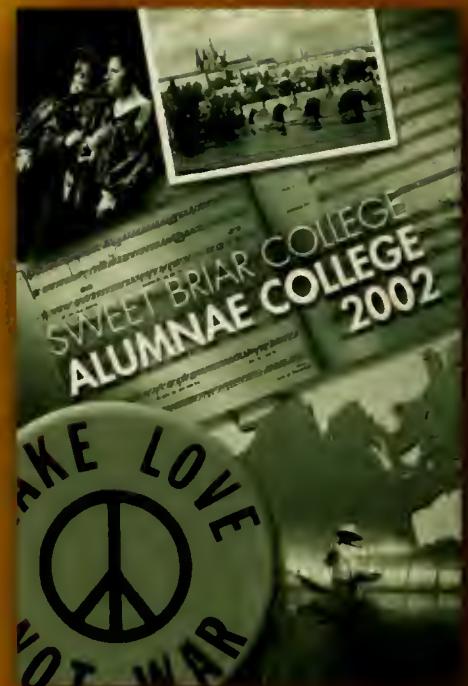
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